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New resolution?

THREE statements by Government officials in recent weeks make one wonder whether they are a forerunner of a New Year's resolution to strive for better relations with the public. In saying this it is not suggested these relations are at present notably bad but they could be a lot better.

The statements, made by Mr. Burgess on parking, the Acting Director, Dr. Teng, on hospital facilities, and the Chinese Affairs Secretary, Mr. McDouall on the problems of making contact with the public, were remarkable for the way in which the spokesmen laid their cards on the table.

SUCH a frank statement as Dr. Teng made might have spared Dr. Mackenzie some of the criticism which fell on his department earlier this year following a number of correspondence inquiries. For while carelessness cannot be excused, it is hard to recall any previous statement which underlined so clearly the shortages of hospital beds and the difficulties under which medical staff are working. Similarly, Mr. Burgess outlined traffic problems in a way calculated to win the understanding of most motorists.

Perhaps the most notable of the three statements, however, was Mr. McDouall's. It was a frank analysis of Government's attempts to make more effective contact with the people and the need of introducing the middlemen to achieve this. An innovation with special appeal to the older, conservative elements of the Chinese population this may serve some useful purpose.

AN even greater need, however, is for the various departments to appoint from their staff senior men and women whose full-time job is to find out the people's needs to listen, to investigate and to test public opinion to official plans. This is particularly important for a territory with no elected legislature and where departmental heads are the effective Government ministers.

For while MLCs and Executive Councilors can give good advice, and often do, they are no substitute for close personal contact with the people at all levels. And the success of these contacts will depend to a large extent on the ability of Government officials to get out and about as much as possible, to make their presence known, and to translate their first-hand observations into practical programmes for the benefit of the community.

Cities from Boston to Washington caught in big freeze SNOWSTORM GRIPS U.S. EAST

Worst autumn blow kills nearly 70

New York, Dec. 12.

The worst autumn snowstorm on record, a cruel, gale-driven blizzard, swept up the Eastern seaboard today.

One by one America's great cities from Washington to Boston were shrouded in freezing drifts, all but immobilized in the storm's brutal grip.

Up to 20 inches of snow hit some sectors, and it was piled into mounting drifts by howling winds. Temperatures ranged from 10 degrees F in New York to 38 degrees in Maine.

The death toll moved towards the 70 mark, for the period since late last week when one foot of the storm came out of the West to meet another disturbance moving up from the south.

Car accidents, weather-induced heart attacks, maritime mishaps and freezings accounted for the fatalities.

Cancelled

In New York, the United Nations cancelled its Assembly meeting. Opening of the New York Stock Exchange was delayed one hour for the first time in 20 years.

Commodity exchanges dealing in butter, cheese, eggs, cotton, wool and poultry, suspended operations for the day. Business came to a virtual standstill in many cities less than two weeks before Christmas.

Highways were almost impassable throughout the coastal area. A hundred thousand number of motorists were marooned on highways and in danger of freezing to death.

"We don't care about the cars, we just want to get the people out of them and get them to the warmth of houses and restaurants," said a spokesman dispatching rescue vehicles.

A baby girl was delivered to a New Jersey mother in the State Capitol in Trenton, after an ambulance bogged down. The building was deserted, except for mother, child, doctor and ambulance driver.

Airports closed and planes were kept on the ground. Trains flattered far behind schedule. Buses fought a losing battle against drifts, that closed in like quicksand behind snow-laden Subways ran behind schedule and some ran not at all.

Schools were closed and millions of pupils freed to frolic in the drifts. In New York City alone, 1.4 million students got a holiday.

Factories closed because their manpower was marooned at home.

In Washington, a man skied to work along normally-bustling Connecticut-avenue, with all the freedom of terrain he might have had on a remote mountain run.

Ships at sea reeled and wobbled in seas lashed by winds up to 77 mph — hurricane force. A 42-foot fishing boat went down off the Maryland coast with the loss of two lives. About 40 miles to the south, a freighter ran aground with 11 aboard, but was not in immediate danger. A 38-foot Coast Guard vessel was stove in off Nantucket and sank while rescuing six men from a grounded fishing vessel. All hands swam ashore safely.

Eclipsed

In New York, the storm was the worst since Christmas week of 1947, when a record 25.8 inches of snow fell on December 26-27. The current storm's 17 to 20 inches in the metropolitan area eclipsed 1900's previous biggest storm — last March 4 when 14 inches fell.

The late autumn storm blew away with winter still 10 days away. It put an abrupt, and savage end to a pleasant stretch of dry, temperate autumn weather. —AP.

Violence returns



Demonstrators defy the might of an armoured fighting vehicle in Algiers in a renewed outbreak of anti-De Gaulle disturbances. The tank was crushing barricades built by the demonstrators in the city's Michelstadt. The outbreak of disorders coincided with the arrival of French President Charles de Gaulle who landed near Oran to face further anti-Government riots. —AP Photo.

ALGIERS COMMANDER'S ORDER TO RESUME WORK OR FACE THE ARMY

Algiers, Dec. 12.

The French commander in Algiers tonight ordered Europeans and Moslems to resume normal life and work tomorrow after two days of bloodshed which has cost at least 90 lives here and in Oran.

Otherwise, General Adolf Vézinet warned, the army would force them to do so. General de Gaulle, who flies today and riot police moved into the Casbah. Insurgent flags were torn down. Arrest warrants were issued for two European leaders of the anti-Gaullist French Algeria Front, whose call for strikes and demonstrations when De Gaulle arrived in Algeria last Friday sparked European and then European-Moslem violence.

In the oasis town of Bliska 200 miles southeast of Algiers today roars of "Algerian Algeria" from a Moslem crowd greeted General de Gaulle.

Windsor knot causes death

Wolverhampton, Dec. 12.

A 23-year-old coach driver died here at the weekend because he wore his tie in a double knot, it was reported today.

John Casey stumbled as he was getting out of his coach in a car park and the handbrake slipped between his tie and his neck. He was found dead hanging half out of his car. An ambulance official said "Mr Casey's tie was tied with a double 'Windsor' knot, which does not slip easily. If it had been tied in the usual way it would probably have slipped and saved his life."

The double Windsor knot was popularised by the Duke of Windsor. —China Mail Special.

BIG PROBE INTO RECORD DRUG HAUL

Up to late this morning no arrest had been made in connection with the biggest seizure of narcotics by the Preventive Service and Police aboard the Bradeverett yesterday.

But investigations are continuing, said a Government spokesman in the morning. Valued at more than \$1,000,000, the biggest haul consists of 331 lbs of morphine and 823 lbs of raw opium. The drugs were not uncovered from "sealed compartments" on board the vessel as was erroneously stated in a morning paper today.

IN CAVITIES

The packets of morphine and tiny capsules were concealed in cavities inside teak planks which were shipped as cargo in the forward hold of the Bradeverett.

The Bradeverett sailed from Bangkok three days before and arrived in Hongkong at 10 am yesterday.

The moment she dropped anchor at Buoy B13, about 50 officers of the Preventive Service and the Narcotics Bureau of the Hongkong Police boarded her in three batches.

They guarded doors and entrances, restricted the movement of people on board and finally conducted a search among the cargo.

About noon, the search party began examining the huge quantity of teak planks almost filling the whole of the forward hold.

They had to use cranes to lift the planks out of the hatch in separate batches for inspection. Drugs concealed inside teak plank cavities were also found aboard the Prominent several weeks ago when the vessel arrived from Bangkok.

Once again, the planks aboard the Bradeverett were consigned to some clandestine address where no responsible person could be traced.

1,000 CLAIMED

United Nations, Dec. 12. The main Political Committee was told today that more than 1,000 Algerians had been killed "in the past 48 hours" according to latest information given to the Afro-Asian group. —Reuter.

A member of the President's staff in Paris said there was "no question" of putting off the national referendum on Dr. De Gaulle's Algerian home rule policy in January 6.

In Tunis, insurgent leader Farhat Abbas condemned "French repression" and called on the United Nations in a telegram to take urgent measures to halt bloodshed in Algeria. —Reuter.

Intensive manhunt for Girl Guide's killer

London, Dec. 12. Police began an intensive hunt today for the killer of 12-year-old Girl Guide Brenda Nash, whose body was found at Kateley, Hampshire, yesterday 44 days after her disappearance.

Three schoolboys playing in the fern and bracken on the boggy local common discovered Brenda's partly-de-

composed body, still in the Girl Guide uniform she wore when she disappeared. It lay in a wooded ditch on a stretch of woodland more than 20 miles from her home at Kiteley, Oxfordshire.

Brenda had been the subject of a nation-wide hunt since she failed to return from an evening Girl Guide meeting near her home in October.

Police have issued descriptions of a car that man they wished to interview, and also of a car in which Brenda might have been given a lift.

Brenda's body was found near a spot where another Girl Guide was recently kidnapped and raped, but later released. —China Mail Special.

BRITAIN URGED TO SUPPORT CHINA'S ENTRY INTO UN

London, Dec. 12.

Britain hopes to discuss the question of China's admission to the United Nations with the new United States administration "at an early stage," Mr Joseph Godber, the Foreign Under-Secretary, said tonight.

He was replying to a House of Commons debate on a Labour backbencher's motion seeking to censure the British Government for "consistent failure to press for China's admission to the United Nations."

The motion, moved by Mr Desmond Donnelly, was defeated by 269 votes to 177—a Government majority of 82.

Though a private member's motion, it does in fact reiterate the Labour Party's officially expressed policy.

Control

Mr Godber said that generally speaking the British Government believed everyone in clear control of its territory should be admitted to the United Nations. A serious right to be a member of the United Nations, he said, was the right to be a member of the United Nations.

Mr Godber said that Britain had a diplomatic mission in Peking and would be happy to raise this to ambassadorial level if there were reciprocal arrangements.

Might be glad

Mr Denis Healey, Labour's chief Foreign Affairs spokesman, said he believed that if the British Government made it plain in the next four months it was going to switch its vote on Chinese entry next year, she could "persuade the United States to start negotiations with us and all other members of the United Nations on all these future problems such as Formosa."

"I believe the new American administration might well be glad to have its hands forced by British initiative of this nature," he added. —Reuter.

Made clear

Mr Godber said the Chinese authorities had repeatedly made it clear in public statements that their interest in getting into the United Nations was qualified by other and stronger motives. The principal one was the banishment of the United States and the free world from the whole area of the Far East and the western Pacific.

She wanted the United States completely to withdraw from the Formosa area and leave that island to be dealt with by the Chinese Government.

STOP PRESS

Test latest

Brisbane, Dec. 12. A real captain's innings of 80 not out by Frank Worrell helped the West Indians to reach 204 for four at tea on the fourth day of the first Test against Australia. —Reuter.

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AFRICAN LEADERS WALK OUT OF FEDERATION TALKS

London, Dec. 12. The "big three" African Nationalist leaders from Northern and Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, today walked out of the London constitutional conference on the future of the Central African Federation of the three territories.

A spokesman said they had left the conference "for good."

Stevenson praises new Secretary of State

Chicago, Dec. 12. Mr. Adlai Stevenson today issued a statement praising Mr. Dean Rusk, newly appointed Secretary of State in the coming Kennedy administration.

No U.S. goods through Canada, Cuba affirms

Ottawa, Dec. 12. Prime Minister John Diefenbaker said today Canada has told Cuba it will not permit goods originating in the United States to skirt U.S. trade embargoes by being shipped out of Canada.

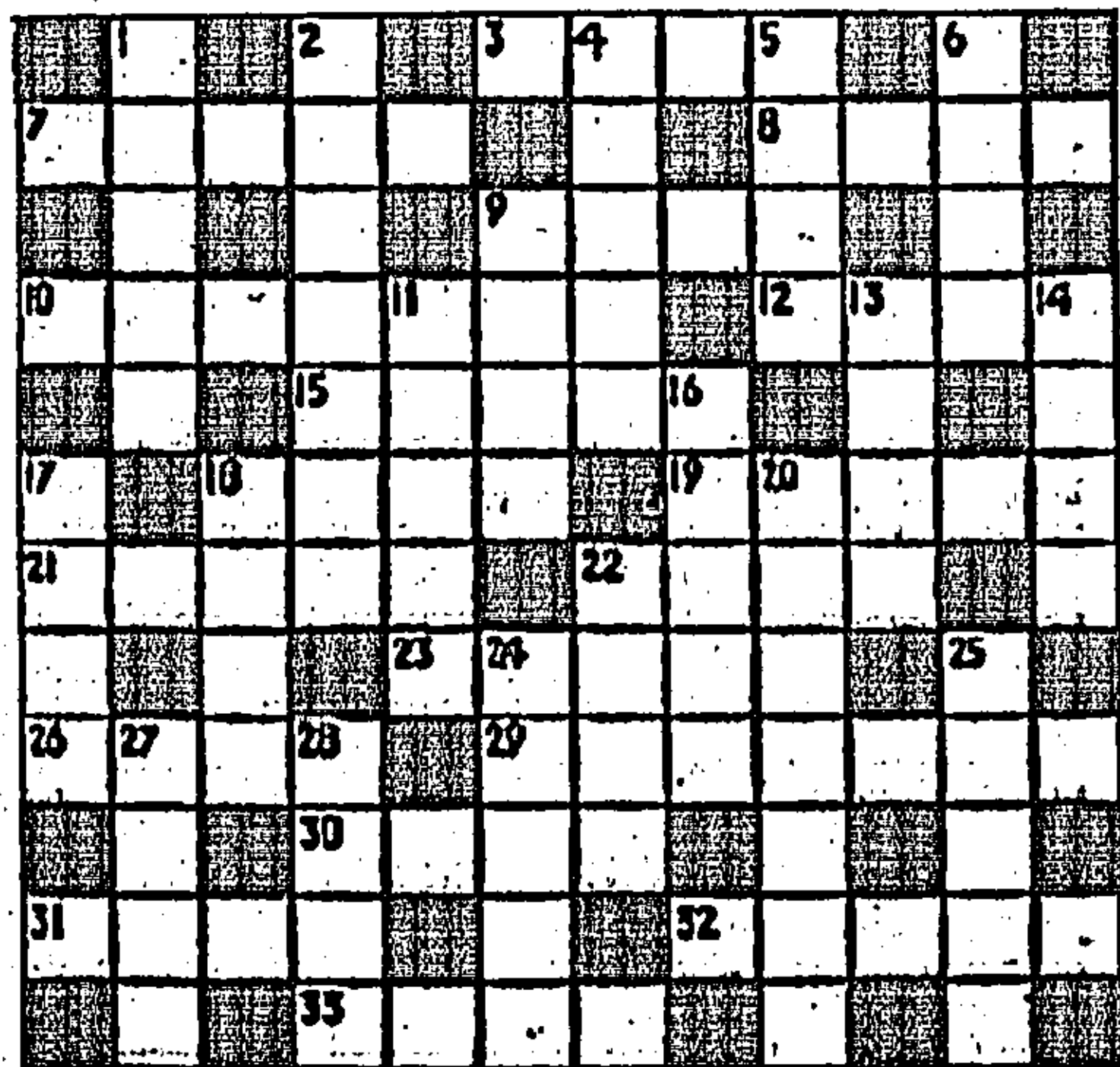
Mr. Diefenbaker also told the House of Commons that Canada has no intention of "exploiting" current U.S.-Cuban trade differences.

Mr. Diefenbaker, whose statement was prompted by the presence of a 10-man Cuban trade delegation, said Canada's policy was to treat the Cuban government like the Government of any other recognised country.

He said this might lead to an easing in Cuba's relations with other countries.

The Cuban trade delegation has offered to buy up to \$150 million worth of Canadian goods next year.—UPI.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Global division. (4)
- 7 Don't let it bite you! (6)
- 8 Watch a TV programme? (4)
- 9 Heavenly instrument. (4)
- 10 Servant in the Army? (7)
- 12 Only one liquorice variety? (4)
- 15 Grumbled when assessed it seems. (6)
- 18 Look here! (4)
- 19 Open to view. (3)
- 21 Call from India, mostly. (5)
- 22 Bridge section. (4)
- 23 Beat later, perhaps. (5)
- 24 A quadruped's fear. (4)
- 26 Starred again. (7)
- 30 Show sorrow. (4)
- 31 Non-flying bird. (4)
- 32 Facility, some quickly, get. (5)
- 33 Signify. (4)

DOWN

- 1 Waterway. (6)
- 2 Quite a number. (7)
- 4 Fish plate! (6)
- 5 Geographical heights. (4)
- 6 Below standard. (5)
- 9 Abundance. (4)
- 11 Symbol of sharpness. (5)
- 13 Perform a ceremony. (4)
- 14 Did he play to the Gallery? (4)
- 16 They're easily deceived. (5)
- 17 Go and buy. (4)
- 18 Warm, radiance. (4)
- 20 Putting a price on. (7)
- 22 Dance movement. (4)
- 24 Scene of conflict. (6)
- 25 Coppers not in uniform. (5)
- 27 Having an affinity. (4)
- 28 You may be in it! (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Monday, 7 Lala, 10 Milan, 12 Leave, 13 Name, 15 Eldersdown, 16 Item, in Elec, 18 Trans-agent, 22 Tram, 24 Arose, 25 Ozoid, 26 Dier, 27 Theats. Down: 2 Oiled, 3 Diner, 4 Yellow, 5 Planning, 6 Stern, 8 Avast, 12 Emmet, 13 Elec, 14 Evermore, 17 Spare, 18 Aspect, 20 Alone, 21 Evolve, 23 Rain.

W. Germany protests against French action off Algeria

Bonn, Dec. 12. West Germany today officially protested to the French government over the French Navy's repeated boarding of West German vessels off the coasts of Algeria.

The West German government spokesman told news agencies that the West German Embassy in Paris had handed a protest note to the French Foreign Ministry earlier in the day.

He said the protest made mention of demands for damages to be granted at a later date by West German shipowners.

REGRETS

"The French Foreign Ministry expressed regrets over the repeated character of these incidents," the spokesman said. But, he added, in the French view "particular measures" were necessary to cover the Algerian coast.

"Diplomatic talks have been opened with a view to achieving French-German co-operation to express weapons smuggling to Algeria," he added.—AP.

Possible crash toll

Buenos Aires, Dec. 12. Police said today the death toll could rise to 20 in the two serious accidents which occurred yesterday in Argentina's Grand Prix stock car race ploughed into a crowd of spectators on Sunday.—AP.

TOO MUCH RAIN

Send protest to rocket launchers says author

London, Dec. 12. British author Sir Alan Herbert asked members of the Thames Conservancy today if they would consider issuing a protest "to the two nations who continually discharge unauthorised rockets into the upper air."

Lady Lawford takes a job

Los Angeles, Dec. 12. Actor Peter Lawford's (Mike) mother today began work as clerk in a jewelry store for \$50 a week plus commissions.

Lady Lawford, mother-in-law of Pat Lawford, whose brother is President-elect John Kennedy, lives alone in a Westwood village house. Friends say her English pension amounts to \$52 a month and that she receives \$150 monthly from Peter, who also pays the rent on her home.

She says she took the job to increase her income over the holidays.

Her employer, she says, has bracelets and things "for as much as \$4,000, and I get five per cent of all of my sales."

VERY BEASTLY

Lady Lawford says she never wants to go back to England. "The plumbing never works over there and the food is atrocious. It's all very beastly."

What does she think of Mr. Kennedy?

"Let's put it this way," she smiled sweetly. "If I had been an American citizen during the election I would have voted for Mr. Nixon."—AP.

Burmese troops said fighting Chinese guerrillas

Rangoon, Dec. 12. Rangoon's English language paper, the Nation, today published reports of fighting between Chinese Nationalist guerrillas and Burmese troops on the borders of Burma, Laos and China.

The paper, which did not give the source of its reports, added that Burmese army units had established contact with the Chinese Nationalists near Mong-khai on the Burmese side of the international border which has long been infiltrated by militant groups of Chinese Nationalist guerrillas.

The Nation said a number of Chinese had been killed in engagements with Burmese troops.—AP.

Testimony on rug in Thorne murder case

Sydney, Dec. 12. A Melbourne man told the coroner's court in Sydney today that a travelling rug, he said, gave to Mrs. Magda Bradley was "very like" the one in which the body of 8-year-old kidnapped schoolboy, Graeme Thorne, was found on August 16.

The man, Jacob Fogel, said "It's the same colour—the same pattern" when asked by the public defender, Mr. F. W. Vizzard, whether all he could say was that the rug was "very like the one you bought?"

Mr. Vizzard is appearing for Stephen Leslie Bradley, 34, a naturalised Australian born in Hungary, who is charged with having murdered Graeme Thorne, at Bondi, a seaside suburb, on or about July 7.

FOURTH DAY

This is the fourth day of the inquest into the boy's death which opened on November 22 and was twice adjourned.

Graeme disappeared on July 7, after leaving his father's school. His father, Basil Thorne, 37, had won \$100,000 in a Sydney open-house lottery on June 1.

Continuing his cross examination about the rug, Mr. Vizzard asked: "That is the most you can say about it?"

Fogel replied: "Yes, that's correct."—China Mail Special.

Comedian Jimmy Durante to wed

New York, Dec. 12. Comedian Jimmy Durante and his girl friend for 15 years, Margaret Little, took out a marriage license today. They will be married on Wednesday.

The 67-year-old Durante, said they were being married to avoid a large crowd in California.



JIMMY DURANTE

The Rev. Thomas De Luca of Troy, New York, will perform the ceremony in St. Malachy's Roman Catholic Church known as the "Actor's Chapel."

TOUGH STRUGGLE

Miss Little, a 40-year-old actress, has never been married before. Durante has been a widower many years.

Durante was asked by newsmen what prompted him to turn to marriage after so many years of friendship with Miss Little. Before he could answer the 66-year-old bride-to-be broke in with a smile:

"I told him, I would divorce him if he didn't. It was a tough struggle for 10 years."—AP.

PRO-LUMUMBA MEN ARREST TWO BRITONS

Leopoldville, Dec. 12. Two Britons working for the Unilever company have been arrested by Congolese gendarmerie loyal to Mr. Patrice Lumumba in the Orientale province, a company spokesman said today.

Chinese Reds want tension —Nehru

New Delhi, Dec. 12. Mr. Nehru, India's Prime Minister, was quoted tonight as saying the Chinese Communist government believed in keeping up tension as a means of making the Chinese people work harder.

Usually reliable sources said he made the comment to the ruling Congress Parliamentary Party's standing committee on external affairs while discussing the differences between the Soviet Union and China.

RUSSIA'S APPROACH

He told the committee that Russia's approach appeared to be that she was in a period of normalising her relations with other countries and needed peace for her own prosperity, the sources said.

The Soviet Union believed it could prove the superiority of the Socialist system without recourse to war.

Mr. Nehru was also reported to have described the situation in Laos as "very bad" and to have said the major factor was the supply of all types of weapons from other countries.—Reuters.

Pickles jar is crash clue

London, Dec. 12. A jar of pickles, found in the cab of a runaway eight-wheeled lorry, may have become wedged between the brake pedal and the floor, the Swansea coroner said today.

To avoid crashing into a public house or hitting playing children the driver, Thomas Arthur Jones, aged 47, of Forestfach, Swansea, ran the lorry up a bank and was killed.

Verdict: Accidental death.—London Express Service.

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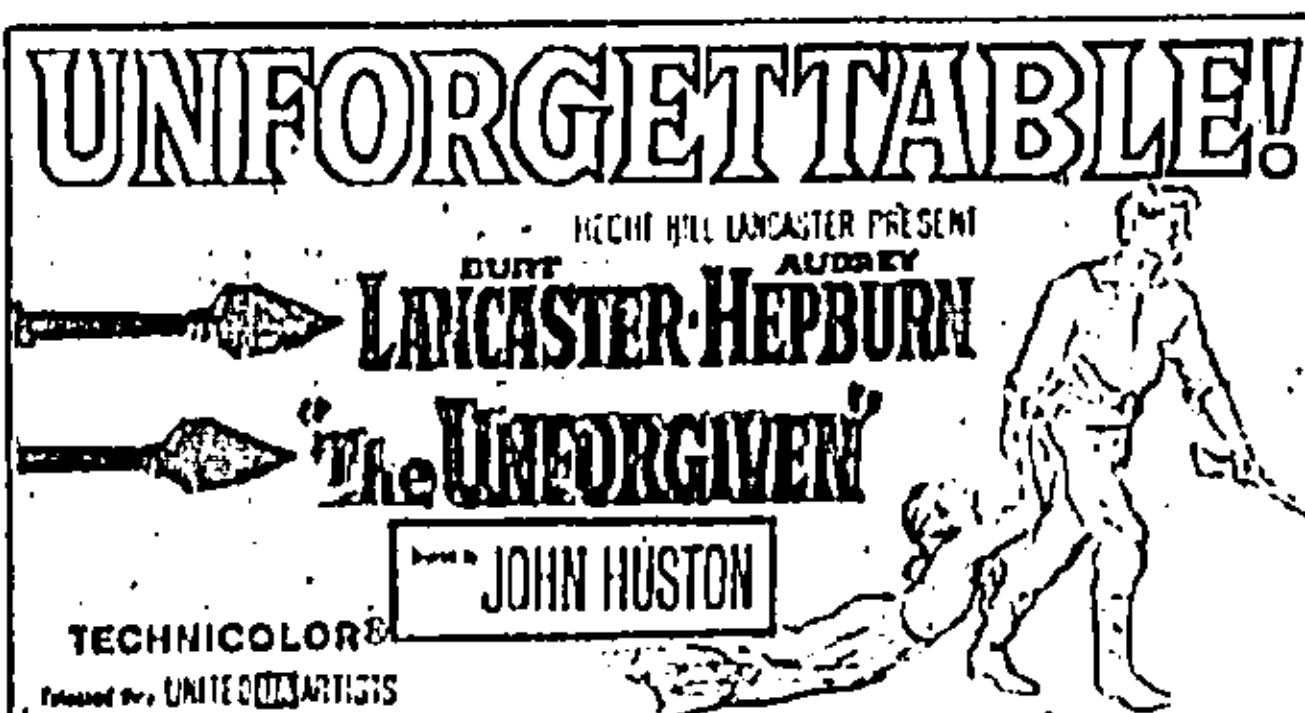
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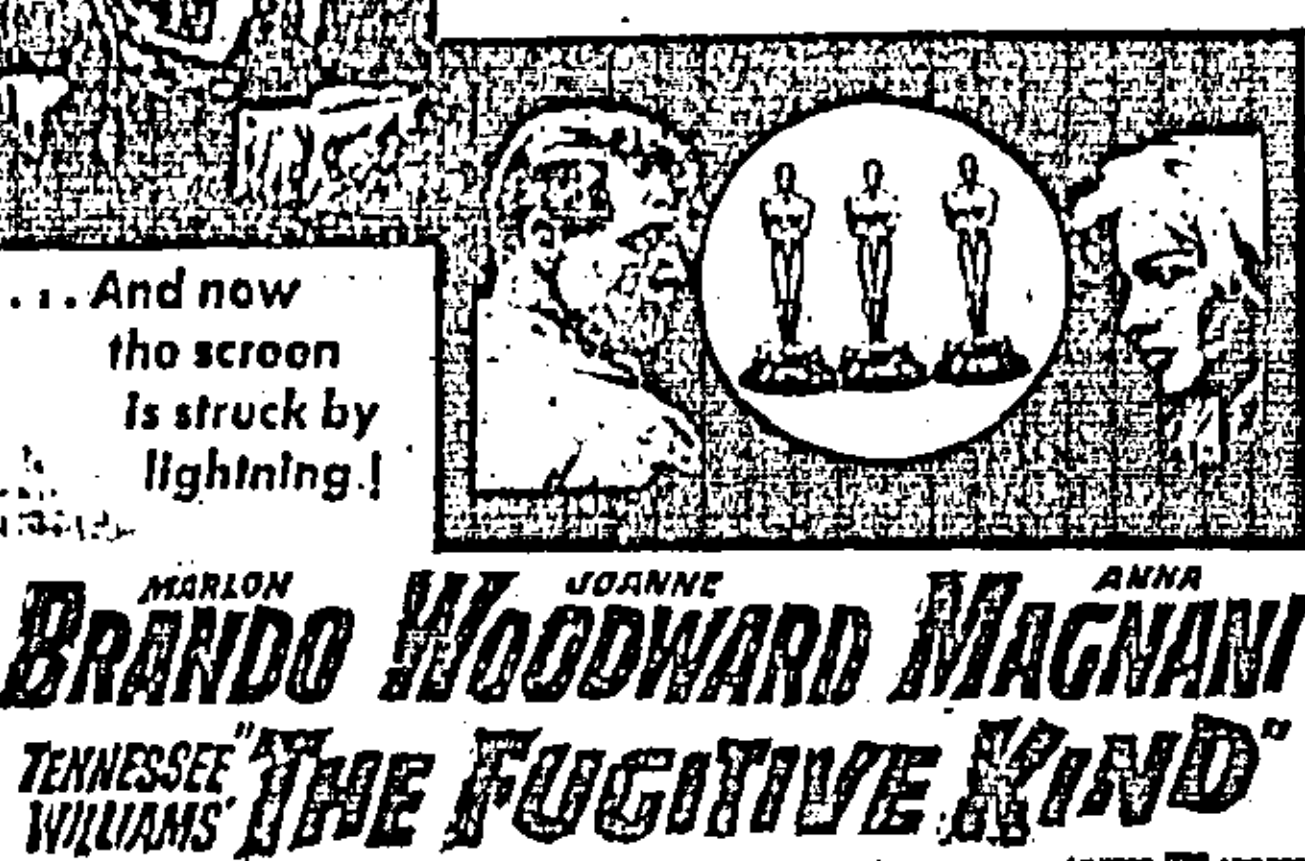
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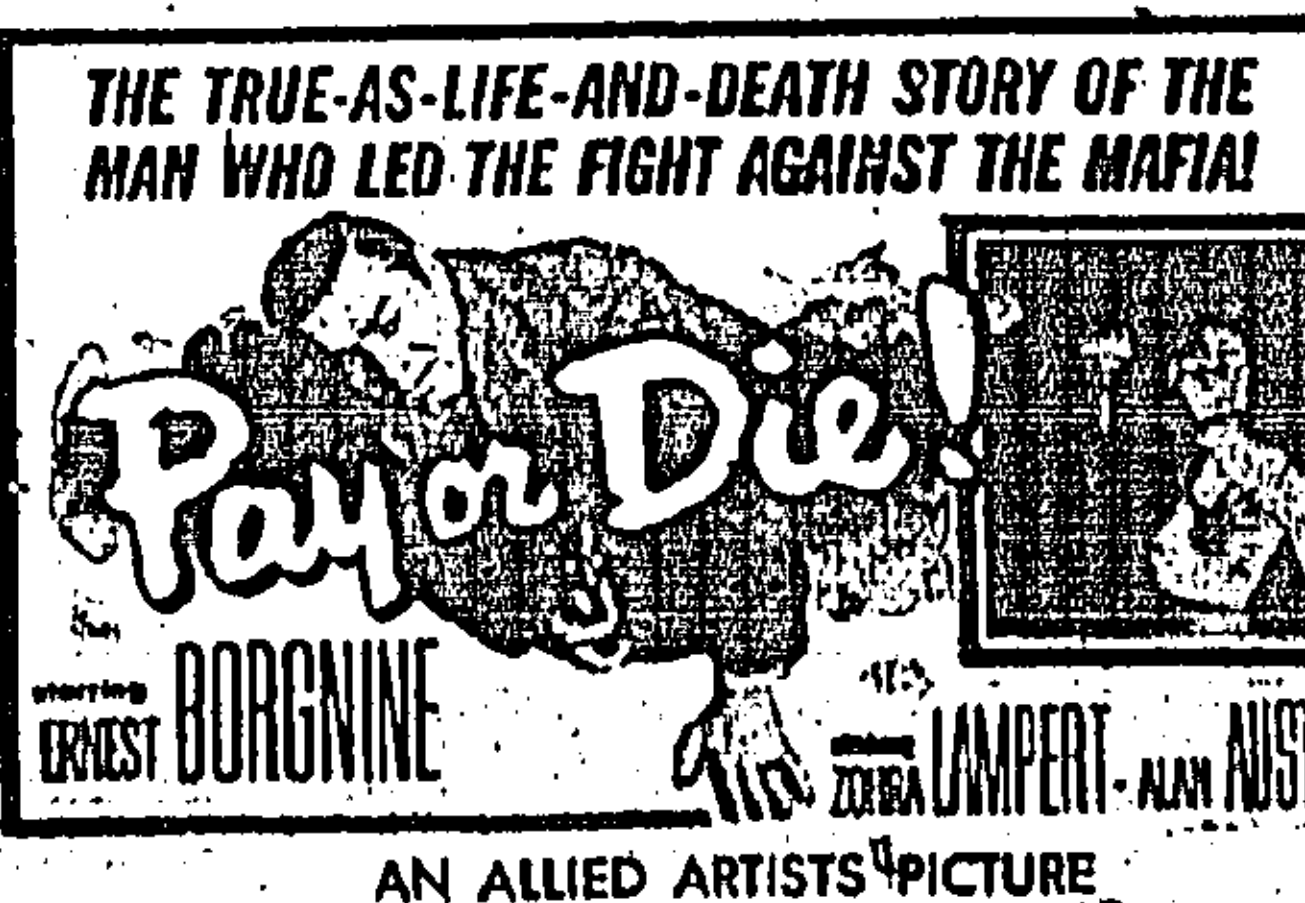
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**Palace guard's foot problem finally solved**

London, Dec. 12.

Sentries at Buckingham Palace stepped out confidently on two thin reddish-brown strips of a newly-evolved surface which the makers claim "should stand up to the fiercest footwork without chipping or wearing."

This may mean the end of an age-old Palace headache — finding a surface which will not break up under the pound of the guard's boots.

For years, the paving stones outside the Palace gates were crunched by guardsmen's boots. Then their smart "attentions" and "about turns" played havoc with the immaculate asphalt surface when they were moved inside the Palace railings to protect them from the attentions of tourists.

But on examination of the two 35-yard strips after numerous strapping guardsmen had pounded up and down, Mr. G. Ashworth, managing director of the firm which evolved the material, said: "It should stand up to the fiercest footwork without chipping or wearing."

Jets next

"It couldn't have had a more thorough pounding."

His firm had the "highest hopes" that it would "have a big future as a standing ground for jet aircraft."

He claimed the material, called Stouhard Polymer, could be laid more quickly than ordinary concrete, was not easily damaged by chemicals, did not crack in bad weather and came in a variety of colours.—China Mail Special.

A wreath of warning

London, Dec. 12.

A wreath placed at the cenotaph here by Dr. Hugh Schonfield bore the inscription "In memory of the millions who lost their lives in World War Three."

When asked why the words "World War Three" were used, Dr. Schonfield, who is president of the Commonwealth of World Citizens, replied: "Like the prophets of old, we are doing this to remind people of the perils ahead and the casualties which will result from another world conflict."

Dr. Schonfield said that similar ceremonies were taking place in 40 other countries throughout the world including Communist Poland and Bulgaria.

The wreath-laying was attended by ten people while traffic was held up by almost as many policemen.—China Mail Special.

Duke of Kent gets new posting

London, Dec. 12.

The Duke of Kent, cousin of the Queen, is to take up an appointment in the office of the Chief of the Imperial General Staff as a junior staff officer on February 13, the War Office announced today.

The 25-year-old Duke will leave regimental duty to take up the post. He has served with the Royal Scots Greys for five and a half years.

The Royal Scots Greys are at present serving at Münster, West Germany. The Duke holds the rank of captain.

The announcement said the Duke's task would be to assist in the office of the CIGS, and "in addition he may from time to time accompany the CIGS and members of his personal staff on official visits and tours both at home and overseas."

The present CIGS is Field Marshal Sir Francis Festing.—China Mail Special.

Chickens get tattooed

Norwich, Dec. 12.

Thousands of chickens in East Angles are being tattooed in an attempt to beat Christmas poultry thieves, it was reported today.

A local official of the national farmers union said each farmer had been given his own registered brand and it was "only a second's work" to punch the mark under the wing of a bird.

Police inspecting birds at poultry dealers throughout the country will be able to trace the birds back to their farm of origin.—China Mail Special.

Father Christmas sells radios

London, Dec. 12.

Father Christmas began a new job here and in other leading British cities today advertising a well-known make of radio set.

From now until Christmas Eve, 170 white bearded, red-cloaked Father Christmases will patrol the cities, carrying switch boards suggesting the most suitable Christmas gift is a portable or car radio.—China Mail Special.

STOLE \$3,000 WORTH OF PLASTIC BEADS

Two unemployed men were each given a nine months prison term by Mr. T. L. Yang at Causeway Bay Magistrate's court this morning when they pleaded guilty to stealing \$3,000 worth of plastic beads, the property of Oriental Plastic Factory.

They were Mak Koo, 20, of Hut No 217 Tsing Shui Ma Tau Village, Shauiwan, and Loo Moon-kueng, 23, living at Hut No 40, O Pul Loong Village, Shauiwan.

Sub-Inspector Y. C. Lam, prosecuting, said that the two defendants were seen about 5.15 pm yesterday unloading bags containing plastic beads from a handcart in Church street, Shauiwan, by two police constables.

The two defendants were questioned and later arrested when they admitted the offence under caution.

Mak had five previous convictions including one of a similar nature and Loo, three previous convictions with one similar offence, the inspector added.

HABITUAL CHICKEN SNATCHER IN 'COOP'

Au Fuk, 66-year-old unemployed man, who was described by the police as a habitual chicken snatcher, was sentenced to three months' jail by Mr. I. M. S. Donnell at North Kowloon Court this morning for stealing a hen.

Sub-Inspector M. H. Dorman, prosecuting, said that on November 11, two detectives saw him holding a chicken in Argyle street near Fa Yeh street.

He admitted stealing it. Defendant had four similar convictions.

Mr. Donnell said "It seems to me you have made a habit of stealing chickens. I'll have to sentence you to prison to protect other people's property."

Wins car in raffle

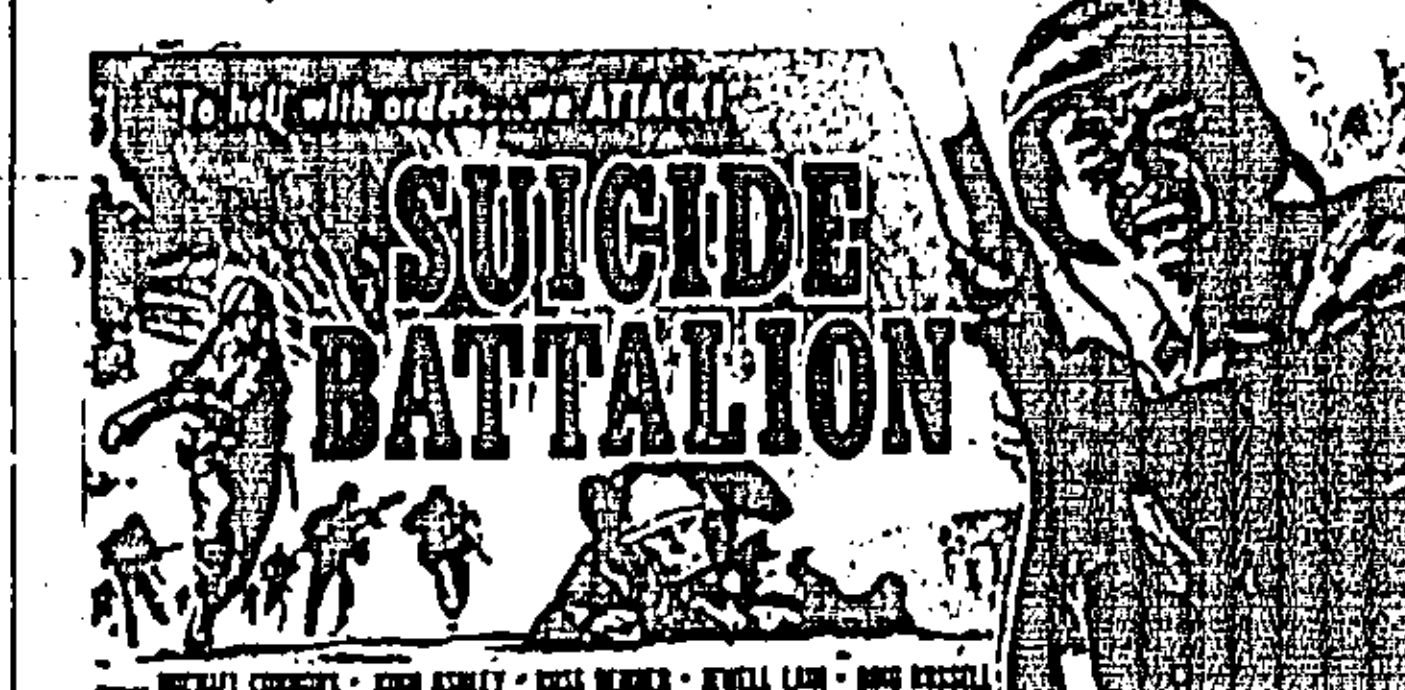
It has been confirmed that the winner of the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children's raffle, ticket No. 11912, was Mrs Eva Pearce, a well-known resident of long standing.

Mrs Pearce, like so many other people was involved into buying some tickets by the ladies who were stationed in the Gloucester Arcade.

Mrs Pearce said that this was the first time that she had won a major prize — on this occasion, a car — in a charitable raffle, although she had been taking part in them for many years.

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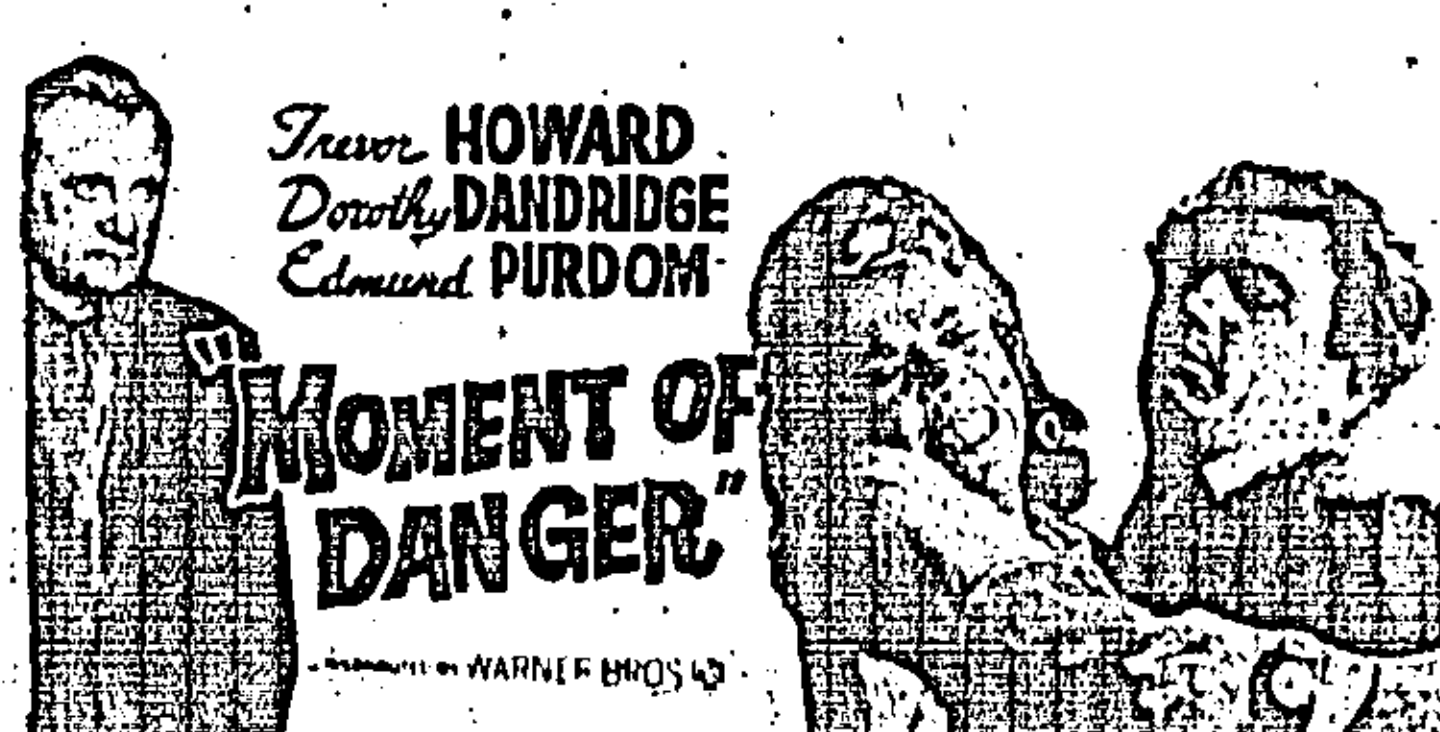
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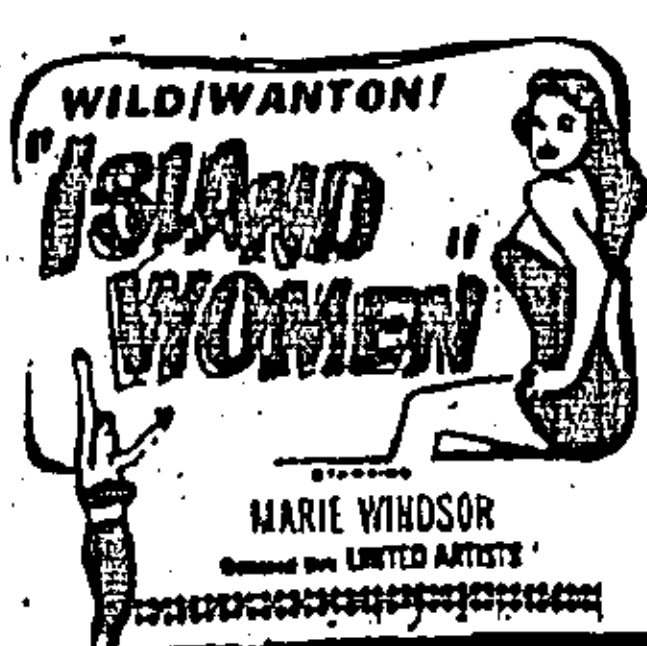
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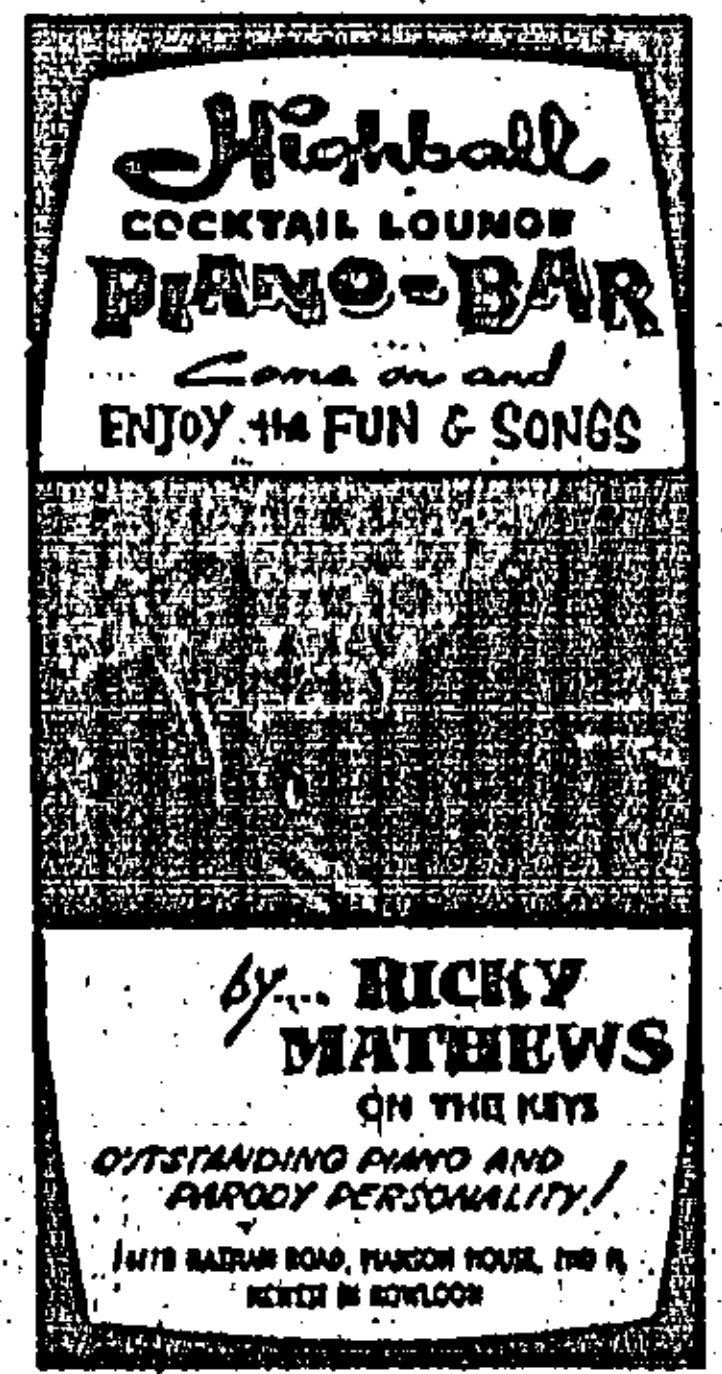
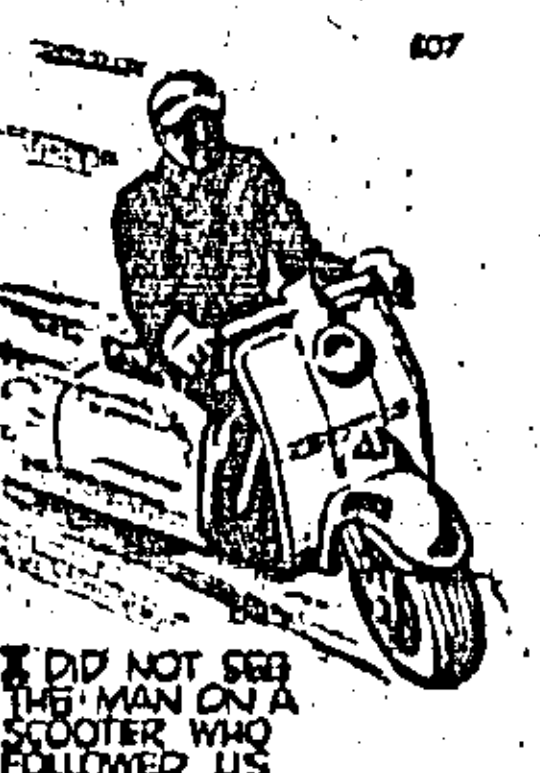
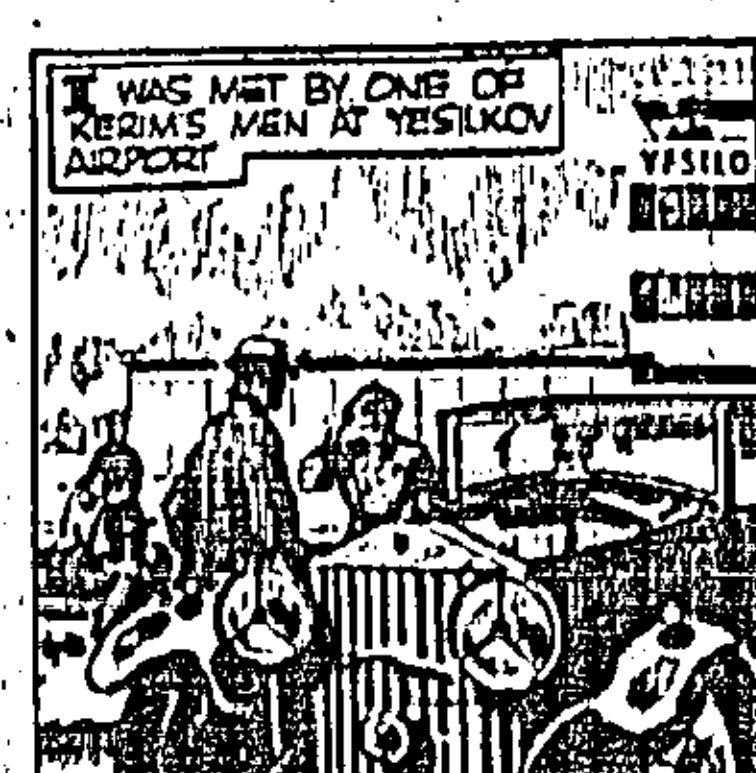
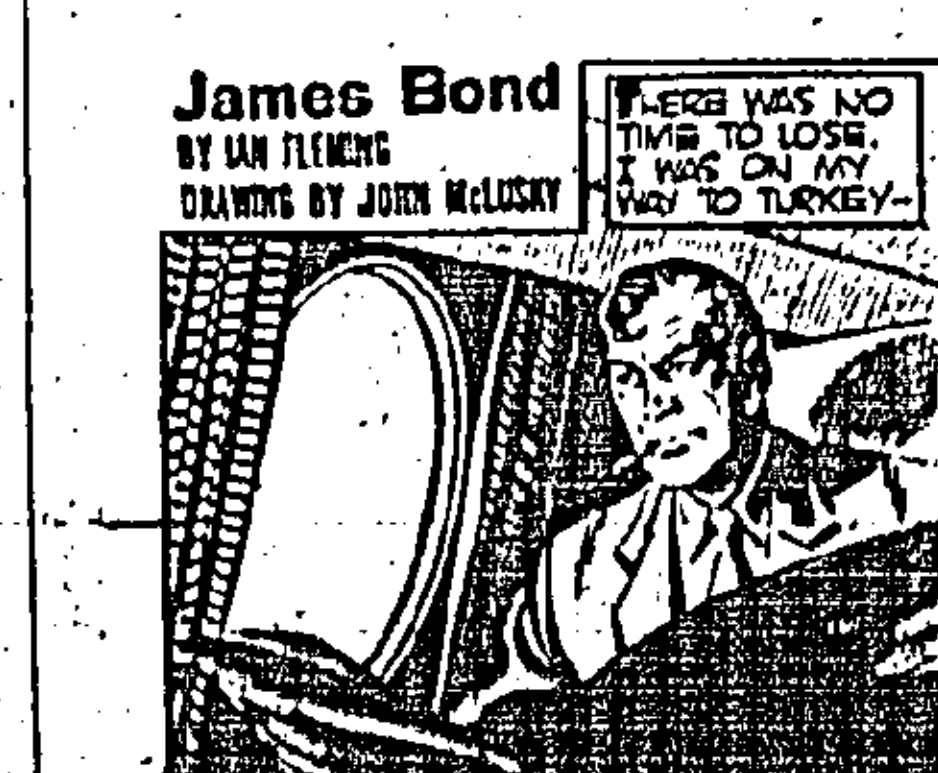
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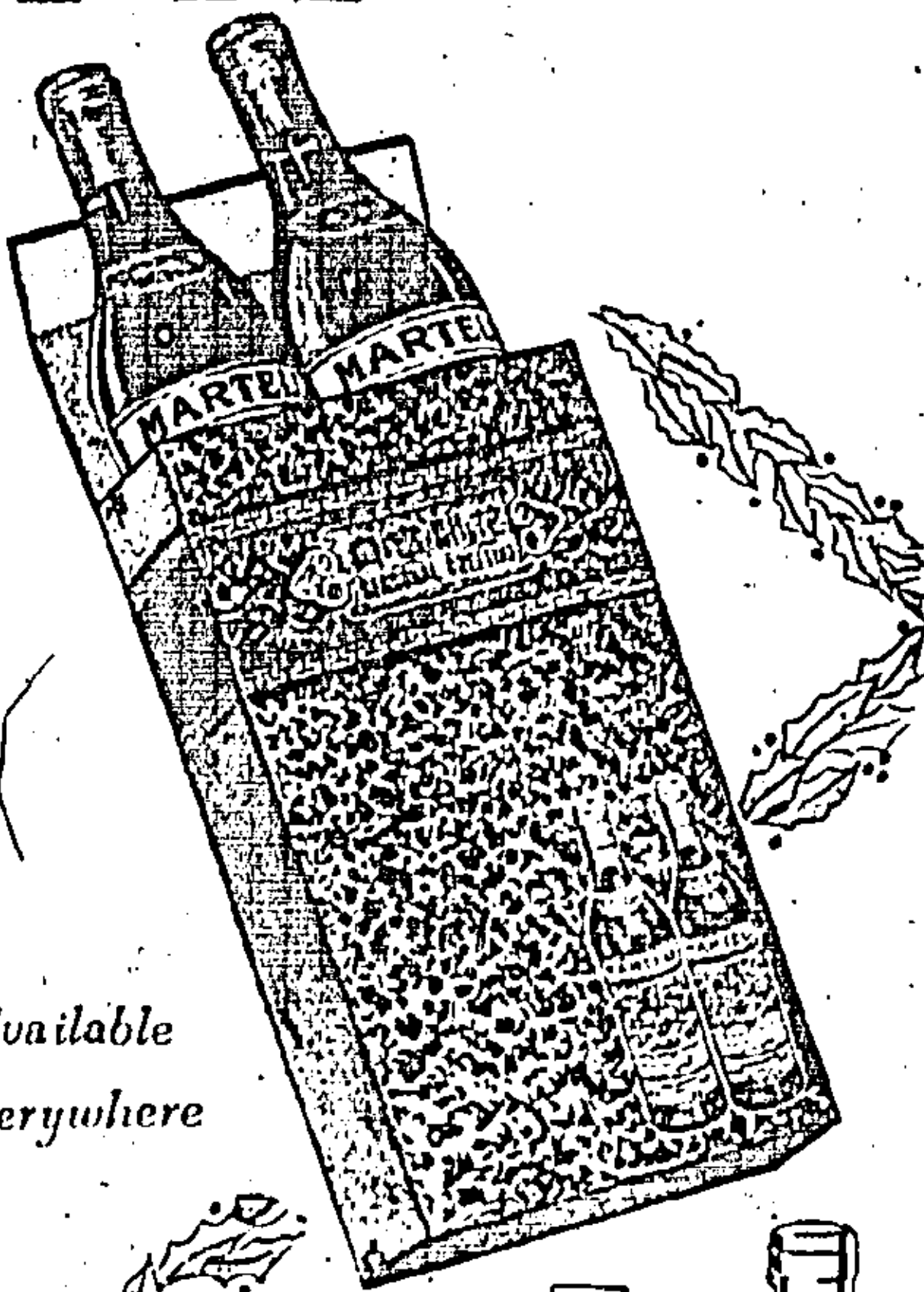
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A DYE TRACES DRUGS IN THE MILK

The reason: Some reach the table



BRITISH scientists have developed a dye called Pea Green to stain antibiotics used in treatment of animals. It reveals any traces of drugs in cows' milk.

Use of the stain may become law if trials now being carried out at the Ministry of Agriculture's Veterinary Laboratory at Weybridge are successful.

Although strict regulations govern the use of antibiotics on animals, there is evidence that some are reaching food bought by the housewife.

Sir John Charles, the Ministry of Health's chief medical officer said in his annual report that small quantities of penicillin had been found in milk.

These were "sufficient to produce allergic reactions in sensitive subjects." But vivid colour of the dye will make these easily traceable.

The whole question of the widespread use of drugs to treat animal diseases, and particularly their use in feeding stuffs to fatten young pigs and poultry, is now being reviewed by a committee of the Agricultural Research Council under Lord Netherthorpe.

THOSE BANGERS
TWICE, fireworks have injured friends of Brigadier Ralph Stonoy. One exploded in a girl's face. The other flamed down inside a woman's dress.

Now the brigadier, who is director-general of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, has started a nationwide hunt for facts about Bonfire Night.

Ignorant
He is appealing for details of every incident where a firework was misused, either deliberately or accidentally. "I am a killing," he tells me, "but the time has come when something must be done about it. I am convinced at least half the incidents were due to rank hooliganism."

Both Brigadier Stonoy's friends were hurt by rockets or bangers flung into the house through an open window.

"Parents too are appallingly ignorant of the dangers and allow children to stuff their jeans with explosives that can be touched off by one spark," he adds.

Experts will analyse the reports, and prepare statistics. "We may then press for new legislation," he said.

"I think a lot of the trouble would be avoided if fireworks were only permitted to be sold close to Guy Fawkes Day, and let off only during certain hours."

ON GUARD

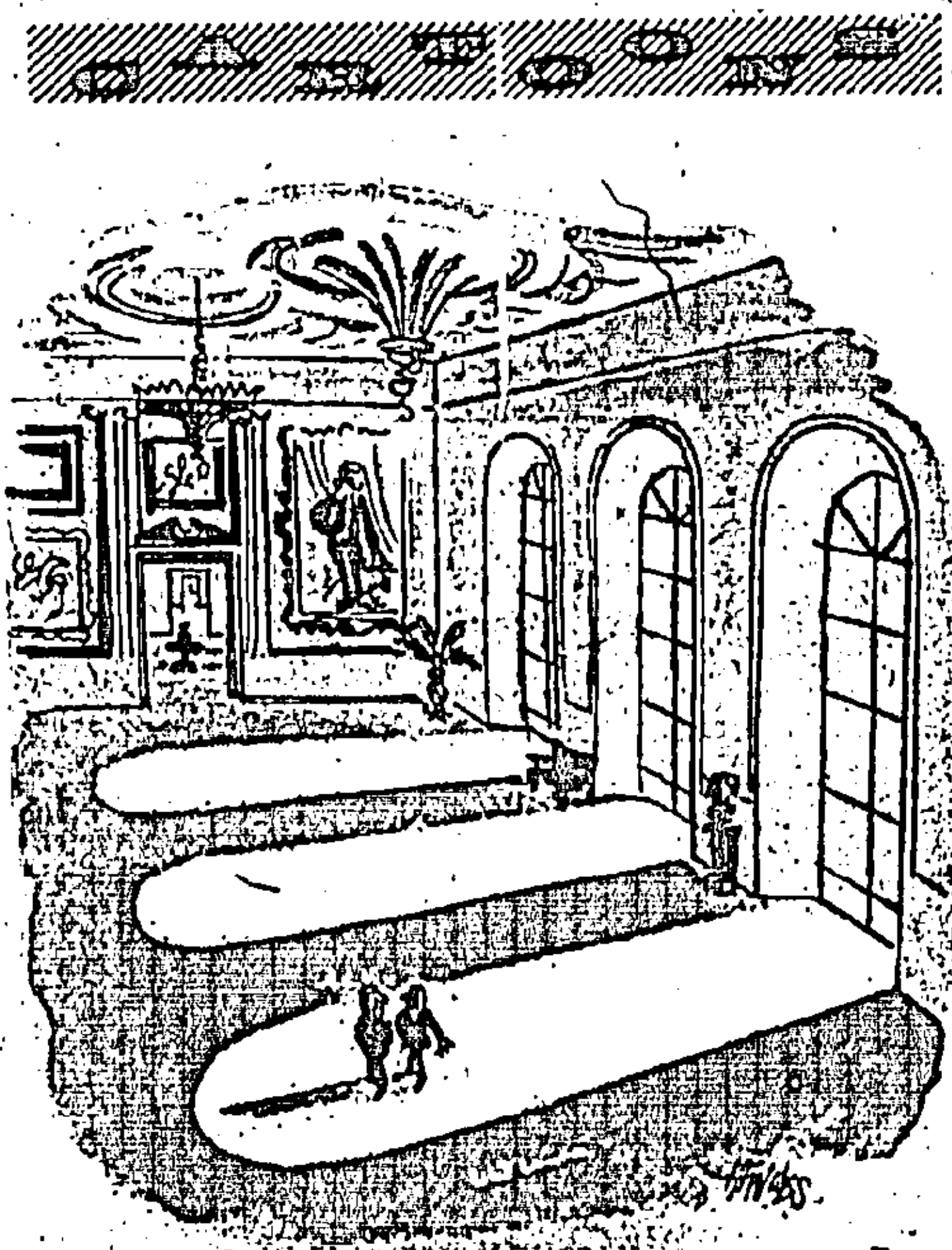
A MILLION houses were flooded or saturated in the recent heavy rains are being warned: "Be on guard against dry rot."

The warning comes from scientists at the Forest Products Research Laboratory. The dry rot fungus attacks damp wood. Unless homes are dried out COMPLETELY and quickly, it may cause millions of pounds' worth of damage later on.

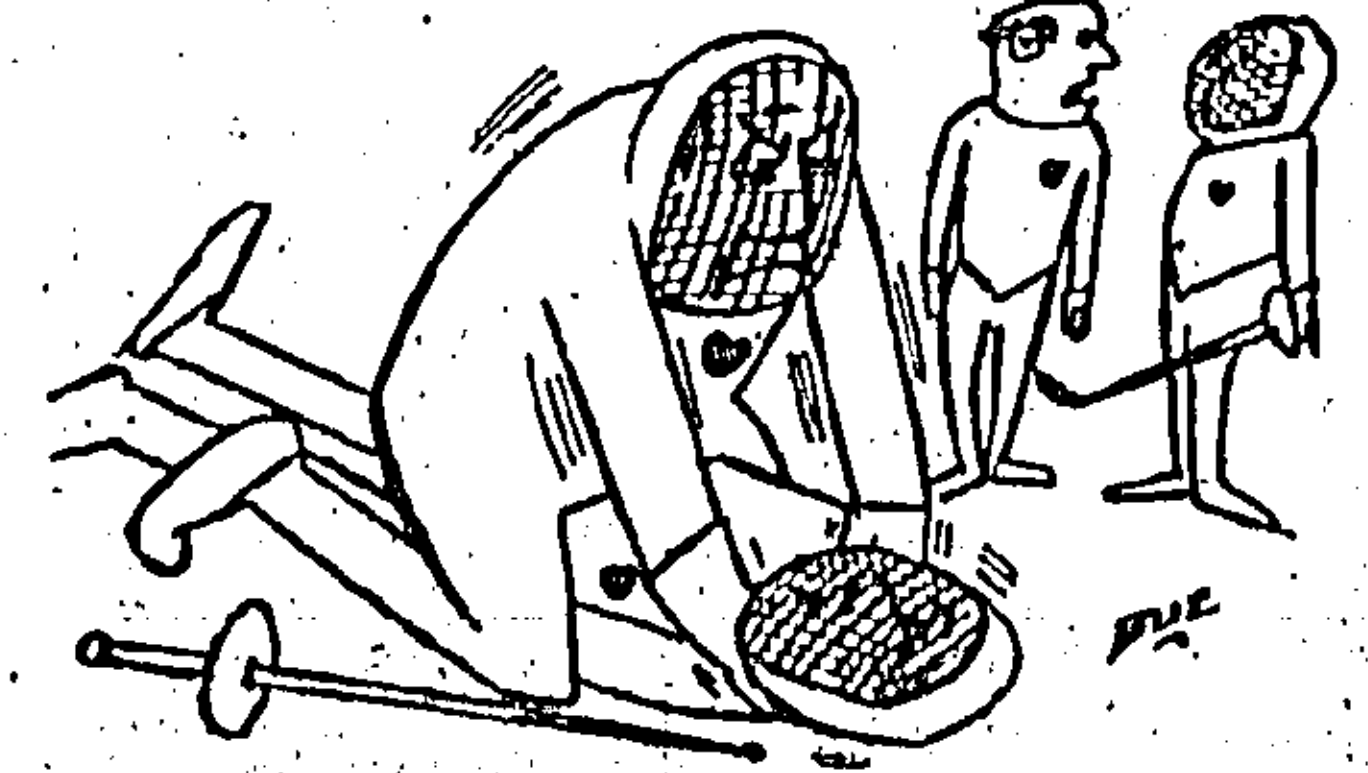
The scientists advise these five precautions:

- Take up all floor coverings, dry and store.
- Lift floorboards along the walls, pump out all water.
- Clean all air bricks, and increase the flow of air, particularly around floor joists.
- Keep basement, cellar and ground floor windows open—top and bottom, and doors and cupboards slightly open. Heat all damp rooms daily.
- Six months later, and again after a year, examine all joists so that any outbreaks of rot can be dealt with promptly. Any further soaking stimulates the growth of the fungus.

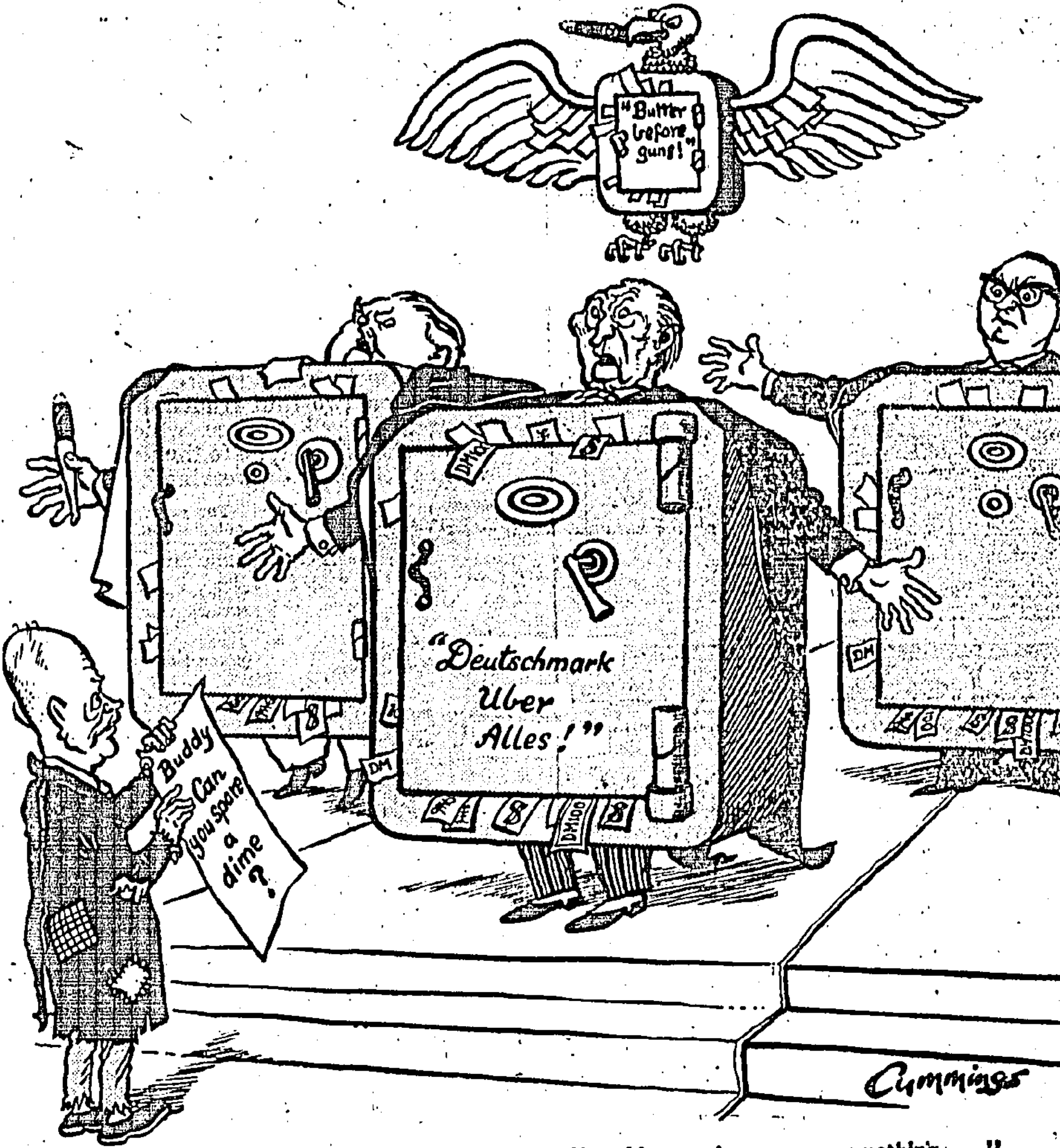
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"I like the place, but my wife is always complaining about the lack of cupboard space."



"Mr. Grimby will have to go if he can't learn to lose gracefully."



"But, Mr. President, you're treating us as if we'd won the war or something..."

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How he will grow up —the new baby moving into the White House

by CHRISTOPHER DOBSON

Washington.
IN another country the cannon would have been booming and the bells pealing to celebrate the birth of a prince. But this is the Republic, and young John Fitzgerald Kennedy will have all the trappings, all the publicity, of a prince—everything except the title.

Grown men and women find it almost unbearable, this concentration of the world's searchlights swinging on to them, this blinding blaze of publicity that reveals every corner of life, public and private.

Young John Kennedy is going to spend his first four years—maybe his first eight, if his father gets a second term in office—with every detail of his life under daily public scrutiny.

News of his feeding troubles will be lapped up by an avid public; his first steps, his first words, are going to be known to and discussed by millions.

Guard

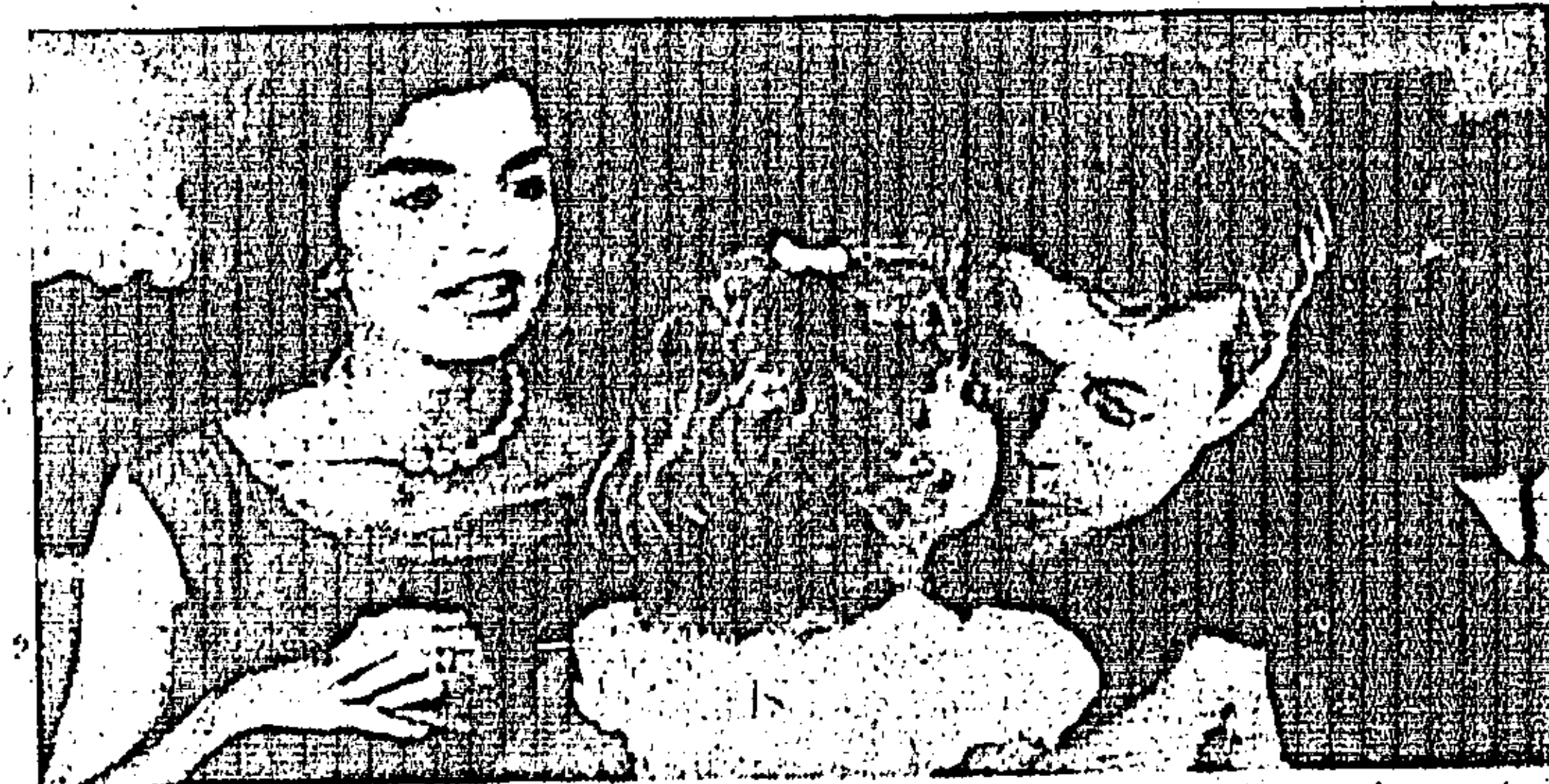
Can a child be protected from this unnatural life-in-a-glass-house?

A child who will have his own secret service guard. A baby who will set fashion in children's wear. Who will be the most photographed child among America's millions.

His little sister Caroline—three years old recently—is already getting the treatment.

At the President-elect's Press conference prior to that event questions centred not on world events but on Caroline's birthday present (two ducks swimming in her bath); about the family's Thanksgiving Day menu (given in all its details); about two prescriptions delivered to the house that day from a drug store.

Young John Kennedy has one big advantage to offset his crippling burden to fame. A very level-headed, cool and collected mother.



She is determined that her children are going to lead as normal a life as possible. She insists: "I will not leave my children to nurses and Secret Service men," especially when they will see less of their father than most children."

And she says: "My greatest joy is going to be just being with my children, and I intend to make every effort to keep the limelight from disturbing their lives."

The President-elect is just as determined. He intends to set aside at least part of each day to practise the cult of "togetherness" in which Americans believe so much. Togetherness makes an almost mythical entity out of the family, and under its rules a father must play with his children at least once a day, and preferably take his meals with them.

A start

It's not such a bad idea, at that. But will it be possible for a man caught in the turmoil of world events?

Well he's started the right way. The other morning he took a stroll with Caroline; in the afternoon, he went riding with her, curiously lifting her on to the horse before climbing into

the saddle behind her. In fact, in the disorganisation that a new baby brings to the best-organised household he has been taking care of Caroline himself most of the day.

X-rays

But can the Kennedys succeed in keeping life ordinary for their children, in that extraordinary mansion on Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, called the White House?

The nurse who looked after all 18 of the Kennedy grandchildren before the family days of fame, Mrs Louella Hennessey, has arrived in Washington from Boston to take charge of young John.

But while she takes care of the children in the nursery to be made on the third floor of the White House, tourists will be filing through the public rooms downstairs.

Later the children may have a nanny (wages here around \$80 dollars a week), though more likely they will be sent to kindergarten and then off to school. That is normal practice for even the richest Americans these days. But these will be the President's children, and so the school will have to

be vetted, searched, X-rayed and geliger-counter.

Friends to play with will be no problem, for there are 18 grandchildren of the Kennedy clan and many family friends with young children.

But while the children play there will always be another playmate around: a grown-up permanent playmate who packs a gun and is a crack shot. One of the President's guard of Secret Service men.

Tough

Like every other American home with a baby, the White House will have, not a row of nappies blowing in the sunshine, but a regular visit from the diaper service, bringing 100 clean and sterile nappies and taking away the dirty ones—about five dollars a week.

But there is \$100,000 dollars (\$100,000,000) of the American taxpayer's money lying ready, waiting to be spent on the nursery if the President-elect chooses. And if young John's father finds that isn't enough he can always ask Congress for more.

It's going to be tough, keeping life normal for young John Kennedy in that sort of Republican palace.

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WOMANSENSE

What every woman can do for her family—starting today

MADAM, as you sit this morning behind the wreckage of breakfast, after the breadwinner has driven off to work and the children have snailed off to school, make this resolution:—

"I must be grudging and brutal to my family in future."

Harden your heart for their sake, of course, not yours.

When next the children wait for you to run them to school, or hold out their hands for the bus fare, tell them to walk.

As your husband puts on his overcoat, remove the car keys

By
WILLIAM CATER

gently but firmly from his pocket, and tell him to walk.

Explain—you know how it is done—that today is the day you must have the car yourself.

And find some vital, involved piece of shopping for him to do in his lunch-hour, so he has no time to enjoy a long lunch.

Show them

If your firm glances and no-nonsense voice isn't enough to quell the protests, just show them this quote from Dr. Hugh Sinclair, Fellow and tutor in physiology at Magdalen College, Oxford, talking recently to 700 business executives in London.

"Heart trouble sets in early. We send a bus to take a child a quarter of a mile to school, where milk is poured down his throat so that he can only manage a plateful of ice cream for his dinner."

"The executive is conveyed to his office to make rapid decisions before hurrying to a business luncheon where he eats too many of the wrong foods."

"Then he is conveyed home and lights a cigarette as he sits in front of television watching Lady Lovel's Chatter."

"The resulting obesity increases his risk, not only for coronary heart disease, but also from other chronic diseases."

In a lifeboat

Naturally, this evening you will check your natural kindly impulse to "heap" all your family's plates high. Instead, dole out the meat as if you were all adrift in a lifeboat.

At this point your husband will probably reach for a cigarette. Say "in tones" of

gentle, regret, as if he were staring on his second bottle of brandy:—

"Not another cigarette, dear?"

As he chokes over the smoke, now robbed of all its pleasure, show him this quote (if you believe it) from Dr. Patrick Lawther, an air pollution expert:—

"If you don't smoke you have 50 times better chance against lung cancer than if you smoke 25 or more cigarettes a day."

Your husband will give a sickly smile and say: "Too late for me, now." Come back with Dr. Lawther: "If you give up your chance improves."

By next morning your husband, forced into walking and queuing for buses, late for work because of it, robbed of the pleasure of too much food and too many cigarettes, will be a nervous wreck. "I must have a check-up," he will say.

'Overfed'

Don't let him kid you. He's not ill, he's just idle, overfed, and panicky. Produce the dictation of Dr. Leslie Norman, chief medical officer for London Transport.

"In the last few years a fashion has grown for the periodic medical overhaul, perhaps annually. I would like to apply the brake," he said.

Your husband snaps back that he is an executive and everyone knows about executives and heart disease. No, no. The executive group is one of the

healthiest, says Dr. Norman. Then quote Dr. Paul Dudley White, Eisenhower's specialist, that "The best antidote, for nervous strain, tension, and insomnia is physical fatigue from work or exercise, which is more satisfactory than drugs."

This is a danger point for the wife. Any sensible husband would cry: "Of course, that's what I need!" and have off for a round of golf or a good walk in the country.

You'd better go with him, to make sure he doesn't play his golf in the club bar.

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LADY LUCK

your
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horoscope

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): A risky undertaking may bring a satisfactory return, but don't be tempted to build your future on such chancy schemes.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): Before confiding in an associate, make sure that he will respect your trust.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your determination to keep calm in the face of provocation may be put to a severe test today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A domestic disagreement will be settled satisfactorily through the intervention of a friend of the family.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): A happy relationship with your neighbours contributes to the contentment of your home life.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): Some extra cash may enable you to make good a previous error of judgement.

LEO (July 22-August 21): You will have an opportunity to join a social circle where your somewhat unorthodox opinions will be treated with respect.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): An invitation to a rather unusual gathering ought to be accepted, providing it does not threaten to involve you in too great an expenditure.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): Apart from your daily occupation, you have the capacity to earn an additional income through a part time artistic pursuit.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): A person of the opposite sex to whom you are attracted, but who has seemed rather unapproachable, will suddenly begin to reciprocate your interest.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): A person in authority from whom you seek a favour should be approached with a show of respect, even though you may regard yourself as his equal.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): When a visitor from abroad leaves for home you will miss him very acutely for a while.

YOUR LUCKY COLOUR: If today is your birthday, look out for a combination of **PALE BLUE** and **WHITE**. It ought to bring you luck.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

BOB CHOW, the Chinese Canadian life master, writes from Toronto: "It was Friday the 13th and I bumped into a black cat when I was leaving the house. Ah, that Irish luck."

Bob was North and Martin Goldberg described by Bob as a terrific rubber bridge player, sat South.

West opened one diamond in fourth seat and the bidding proceeded briskly to four spades which West doubled. He opened the ace and another trump. Martin won in his hand and led the jack of clubs. West won with the ace and led another spade which Martin won.

The rest of the play was a mopping-up process. The queen of clubs dropped and a ruff set up dummy's fifth club.

As the heart finesse worked, South made an overtrick at his doubled contract.

This is one of those hands that cause strong men to weep and give up bridge. Even on Friday the 13th you can't afford to pass out a hand in fourth seat when you have as many as thirteen or fourteen points but all fourth-hand openings don't produce a profit.

However, West did contribute something to his eventual downfall. With 22 points, and that distribution he had a perfect two-no-trump opening.

If he had opened two no-trump I can't guarantee what would have happened, but I doubt very much if North and South would have ever found their way into the bidding.

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EAST			
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SOUTH			
♠ K Q 10 9 3	♥ 7 5 2	♦ 8 5 4	♣ J 6
No one vulnerable			
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2 ♦	3 ♦	3 ♦	4 ♦
4 ♦	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—A ♠			

Rupert and the Purple Star-14



The car will not stop trembling, the engine will not start, and everyone is tingling so they all get out. "The thing you put in there must be causing the trouble," says Mr. Bear. "It must go or we shall never get home." The pail is as hard to catch hold of as it was before, says Rupert, as he touches it. "Let's put the wooden spade through the handle again." They do so and are soon able to return to the shore. "I wish I knew how this thing managed to be such a nuisance," says Bill.

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♥CARDSENSE♥

Q—The bidding has been: North East South West 2NT Pass ? You, South, hold: ♠ A 5 ♥ K 2 ♦ Q J 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 ♣ K 7 2

What do you do? A—Bid three diamonds. You intend to bid at least six before you get through.

TODAY'S QUESTION Your partner rebids to three no-trump. What do you do now? Answer Tomorrow

CHILDREN'S CORNER

The Surprise Pie

—Knarf Buys It From The Mother Goose Pie-man—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and **Hanid**, the Shadow children with the Turned-About Names, were walking down the main street of a small town in the country of Mother Goose when they heard someone ringing a bell. They looked up to see the Pie-man coming around a corner, pushing his pie wagon before him.

Started singing

As soon as he got around the corner, the Pie-man parked his pie wagon against the curb. Then he started singing out at the top of his voice: "Pies, Pies! Every flavour, every size! Come and get a big surprise! Fresh Pies!"

Noticed shadows

Then the Pie-man rang his bell again. Noticing **Knarf** and **Hanid** standing in the middle of the block, he smiled over to them and sang out:

"Fresh and nice! A penny a slice!" **Hanid** turned to her brother. "Let's go over and see what kind of pies he's got," she suggested.

Doesn't like pies

"I don't like pies," said **Knarf**, shaking his head. "I won't buy just to take a look at them," said **Hanid**, "maybe you'll get a surprise just like the Pie-man said."

Knarf didn't think that any pie could surprise him, no matter whether it was large or small or whatever its flavour might be. Nevertheless, he agreed to walk over with **Hanid** and look at the Pie-man's stock.

Greeted each other

"Good afternoon," said the Pie-man, when they came over. **Knarf** and **Hanid** returned **Pie-man's** greeting.

"I hope you're hungry for pies," he said to them.

"Hanid likes pies but I don't," said **Knarf**, before the Pie-man had the chance to say any more.

Sharp look

When he heard this, the Pie-man gave **Knarf** a sharp look. "You don't like my pies?" he asked.

"I don't like anybody's pies," said **Knarf**.

Hanid quickly explained to the Pie-man that her brother had long ago made up his mind that he didn't care to eat pies and no matter what you said or did, he still wouldn't try one. "I bet if he tasted one of my pies, he'd want to eat half a dozen," said the Pie-man.

What kind?

"What kind of pies have you got?" asked **Knarf**. He quickly added, "Not that I want any, you understand."

The Pie-man nodded to **Knarf**, but **Hanid** he winked and smiled. "So you want to know the names of my pies, do you? I've got apple pie, peach pie, pear pie, strawberry pie, lemon pie, quince pie, potato pie, mutton pie, beef pie—"

Knarf held up his hand. "I don't like any of those," he said to the Pie-man. "It's no use your telling me any more of their names."

Surprise pie

"In that case," said the Pie-man, "I'll let you have my surprise pie." Again the Pie-man asked a sly wink at **Hanid**. "Surprise pie?" asked **Knarf**. "What's that?"

"Buy it and find out," said the Pie-man.

"Why can't you tell me first?" asked **Knarf**. "Then there won't be any surprise," said the Pie-man.

What price?

"How much does it cost?" asked **Knarf**.



Knarf heard chirping noises coming from the pie.

"You can have it for a penny," said the Pie-man.

Knarf hesitated, not knowing whether to buy the surprise pie or not. Then he looked over at **Hanid** and she was nodding.

"All right," said **Knarf** to the Pie-man, "here's your penny. Let me have the pie."

Chirping noises

Knarf took the pie. He and **Hanid** looked at it carefully. It looked like any pie, except that they fancied they heard chirping noises coming from under the crust of the pie.

"It sounds like birds," said **Knarf**. The Pie-man was smiling and winking harder than ever. "Open it up," he urged. "Help yourself to a slice!"

"Lend me a knife, please," said **Knarf**.

Just whistle

"No," said the Pie-man shaking his head. "You don't need a knife. Just whistle."

So **Knarf**, wondering, whistled. Instantly, an extraordinary thing happened. The crust split open and out flew a whole flock of Blackbirds.

Hanid counted them as they flew up and away. There were just 24 of them. **Knarf** and **Hanid** had a good laugh and so did the Pie-man. **Knarf** didn't eat the pie after all. But he told the Pie-man that it was the biggest surprise he'd ever had in his life.

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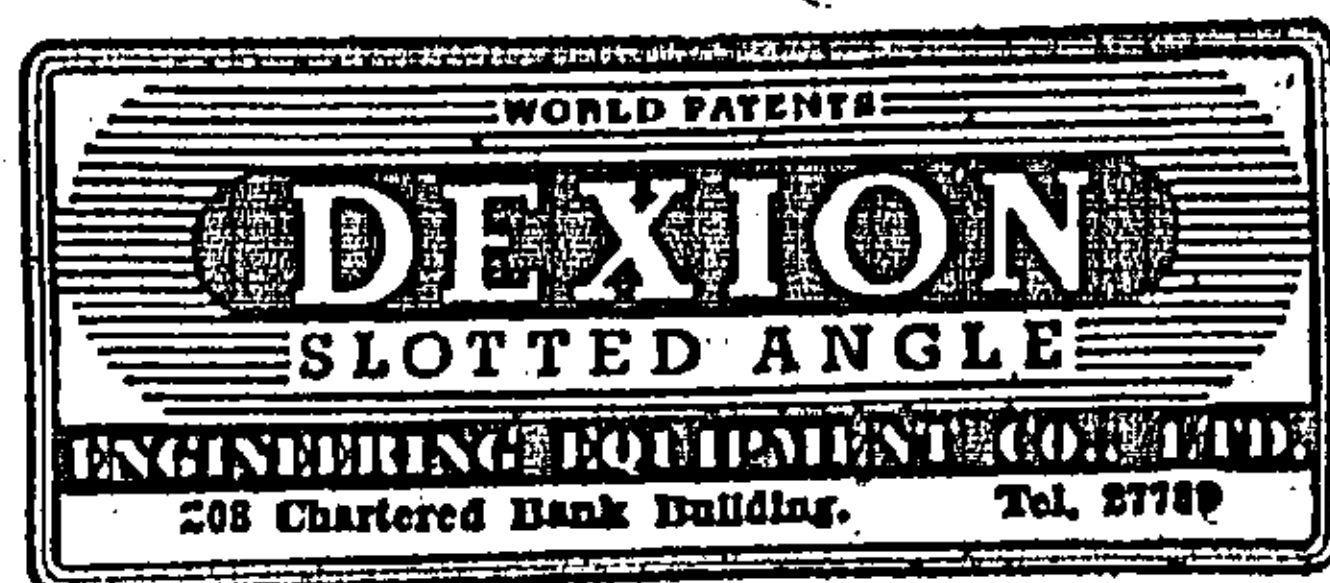
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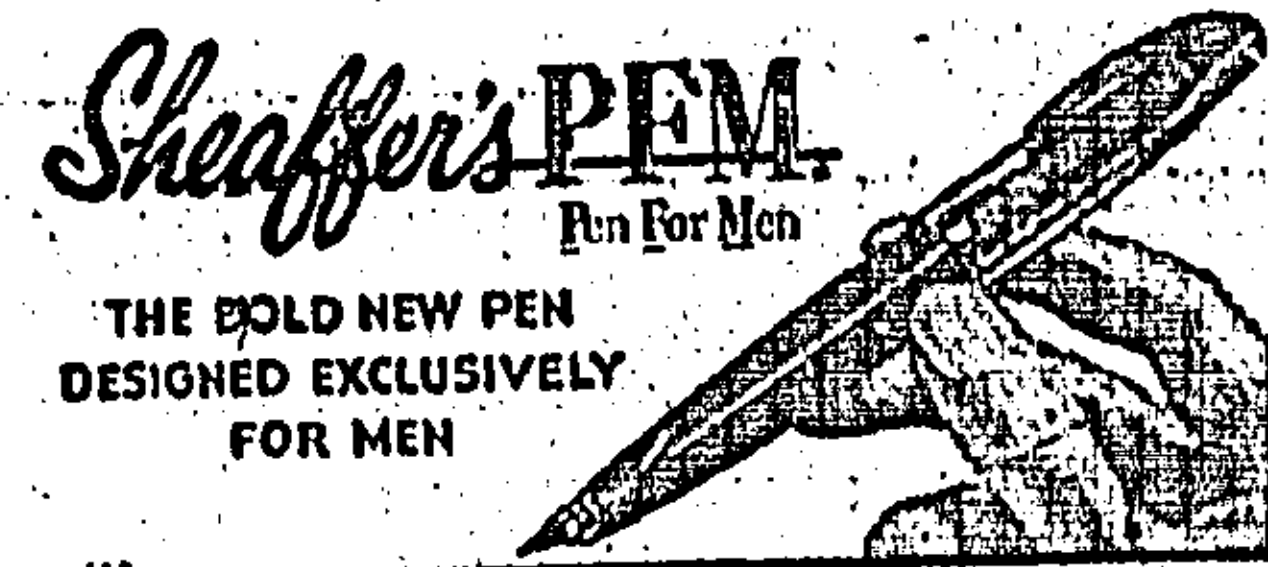


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Appeal against solicitor's conviction continues

LOW ENTITLED TO BE BELIEVED

Coolie on murder charge in court

Committal proceedings against a 27-year-old earth coolie on a charge of murder began before Mr. H. A. S. Phillips this morning.

The defendant, Sul Wan, is alleged to have murdered Tai Chung, also an earth coolie, at the Morrison quarry off Morrison Hill-road on November 4.

A prosecution witness, Fong Mau-yin, told the Court that on November 4, the defendant and Tai Chung, the deceased, had a quarrel at 123-5 Leighton-road.

Fong said that that evening at the coolies' quarters, Morrison Hill-road, he heard the defendant say "Tai Chung exists, I will not."

Fong said that then Tai Chung approached the defendant and tried to have a fight.

Hearing is continuing. Det. Inspector C. K. Chong is conducting the committal proceedings.

CHARACTER REFERENCES STRESSED

Robert Eli Low, a 29-year-old solicitor sentenced to two years' jail on nine charges of corruptly receiving money, was entitled to be believed in his explanation as to how he received cash gifts, the Full Court was told this morning.

This was said by Mr. H. H. B. How who is appearing for Low in an appeal against the conviction.

Mr. How said the explanation was given by Low in the witness box with regard to the statement which he gave to the police and was not challenged in Court during the trial.

"If he gave reasonable explanation, one which can reasonably be believed in this matter, he was entitled to be believed. At least, he was

entitled not to be disbelieved," he continued.

Another factor which the trial judge overlooked was Low's character.

SPOKE HIGHLY

"Here we have a case of a man found guilty of a series of charges of dishonesty," he said, "But there was evidence by the Bishop of Hongkong and another person who knew him well."

"Both spoke most highly of the character of the appellant," he added.

Mr. How also submitted that the trial judge drew an "unwarrantable conclusion" that appellant told a lie when in a letter written to the partners of the firm, appellant wrote San Kwong-road instead of Sing Woo-road.

"It is a perfectly honest mistake and it also tends to show that the matter was dealt with by another solicitor. Appellant had very little to do with it," he continued.

Hearing continues this afternoon.

Grounds of Appeal:

There was no or insufficient evidence to support a conviction on the corruption charges. Indirectly himself as to the law in respect of corruption.

Judge has misdirected himself on the evidence by making erroneous references to the evidence in various instances.

The Judge gave no or insufficient weight to the evidence which was in the appellant's favour and the observations on the evidence made by the defence.

The Full Court comprises the Acting Senior Judge, Mr. Justice G. W. Rice, with Mr. Justice R. H. M. J. and Mr. Justice H. H. B. How.

Mr. How is instructed by Mr. G. E. S. Stevenson of Stewart and Co., Mr. J. Beddly, Crown Counsel, appears for the Crown.



TROPICAL DISEASE SPREAD BY SNAILS

Dr. William Alves left Hongkong today on route from the island of Leyte where he completed a study of a prevalent tropical disease spread to humans by water snails.

Dr. Alves, until recently a senior adviser to the Philippines Government on prevalent tropical diseases, is flying by Swissair to Geneva for re-assignment by the World Health Organization.

The disease he was studying is called Bilharziasis. It is transferred from person to person by the snails.

Following his visit to WHO headquarters he will take a short holiday at his home in Southern Rhodesia.

MACAO GOVERNOR ARRIVES

The Governor of Macao, Lieutenant Colonel Jaime Silverio Marques and Madame Marques (above) arrived in the Colony this morning by a Takshing. He had come to Hongkong for the three-day celebration programme in honour of the famous Portuguese explorer, Prince Henry the Navigator. Meeting him were Mr. F. A. de Mesquita Ribeiro, Acting Consul for Portugal and Flight-Lieut. F. M. Botelho, honorary ADC to the Governor.

HK DIAMOND SALESMAN DISCHARGED

A diamond salesman charged with fraudulent conversion was discharged by Mr. A. J. Sanguinetti at Central Court this morning.

Wan Ki-hing, 40, of 166 Wongsheehong-road, third floor, was alleged to have fraudulently converted to his own use \$845.30 after selling two diamonds valued at \$945.30 which should have been returned to his company, J. B. Jekedjian and Co. Ltd.

Stone throwing sailor fined

A young sailor who threw stones into the Hongkong Products Exhibition at the Royal Naval Dockyard and injured a visitor there was fined \$75 by Mr. Derek Cons at Central Court this morning.

The 18-year-old sailor, stoker Stephen E. Walsley, of HMS Harland Point, pleaded guilty to behaving in a disorderly manner last night with intent to provoke a breach of the peace. Sub-Inspector Yip Tai-yau told the court that at about 10.15 pm yesterday, Walsley was seen by an officer of his ship walking outside the exhibition and throwing stones over the fence into it. When the officer tried to stop him from doing this Walsley became abusive and began to throw stones at the officer. Police were called and Walsley was taken into the police post inside the exhibition where he continued to make "all the nonsense," the Sub-Inspector testified. Walsley appeared a little drunk at that time. Sub-Inspector Yip added that one of the stones thrown by Walsley hit the head of a Chinese man who received three stitches in hospital.



MR PATTERSON

Another double birthday

Another Colony resident celebrated a double birthday crossing from Hongkong to San Francisco by Boac Boeing 707 airliner today.

He was Mr. H. C. Patterson of H. C. Patterson and Co. Ltd. who left this morning with 12 other local travel agents as guests of the airline on its inaugural jet flights to the United States.

A telegram of greetings wishing him "happy birthday" sent by Boac will be read to Mr. Patterson by the Captain when the plane reaches 40,000 feet.

He will also receive a cake with 50 candles when the plane passes the International Date Line.

CHAMPAGNE

A bottle of champagne will be presented to him by a Boac official for his second party.

The travel agents are accompanied by Mr. Chris Chen, Boac's Assistant Manager.

On Sunday, Mr. S. A. Gray, Editor of the South China Morning Post, also celebrated a double birthday when he flew from Hongkong to San Francisco in the inaugural Boac trans-Pacific Boeing 707 jet flight.

PIANO SPOILS SIKI CONCERT

By D. E. GRAY

THE phrase on the lips of many last night at the Bela Siki Concert in St. Paul's Co-Educational College was "what an awful piano!"

As a school piano I imagine it is fairly good, but as the medium for expression by a first-rate concert soloist, it was frightful.

It was unresponsive in all registers, it had a "tinny" sound in its middle and upper registers and the lowest notes were dull colourless thuds.

Bela Siki is a magnificent pianist and he did all one could do with such an instrument, but a great pianist requires a good piano to make great music.

And the truth is that Hongkong just does not have enough good pianos in the halls available to our concert promoters so that we will have to put up with our present lot until the City Hall, with its fine piano, arrives.

Siki's opening work was a little Haydn Sonata in D major. The inadequacies of the piano were not so noticeable here and the slow movement was particularly beautiful.

The Beethoven C Minor Sonata, Op. 111 was the main work in the first half. This great Sonata is practically a Prelude and Fugue followed by an Air and Variations. Siki brought out all the nobility and grandeur of the Introduction, the storm and impetuosity of the Fugue and the beauty of the Coda in the first movement.

This was Beethoven's last Sonata, and it has an air of celestial happiness, in which the Variations are heard jangling round the air like careering waves on the sands on a beautiful day.

Another great work occupied the whole of the second half of the programme—Ravel's Miroirs. This work is a series of five descriptive sketches. They are very demanding on the performer and they require the greatest delicacy of touch and the utmost responsiveness on the part of the piano. I do not know how Siki managed to get the results which he did, but he painted pictures of the 'Night Mother', the 'Sad Bird' and the 'Ocean Barque' which we will long remember.

For encore Siki played the Liszt transcription of Paganini's 24th Caprice, and a short one movement work which sounded to me like a Scarlatti Sonata.

This was an evening of fine music, and those of us who heard the artist in Hongkong a few months ago were delighted to welcome him again.

Bela Siki is undoubtedly one of the top-rank pianists of our day—the Lipatti touch is unmistakably in every work he plays.

dear sir

Elegy on a Post Office clerk

Alas, poor Postal Clerk! Maligned and in an instant damned from brief experience: Reverse the view And from his cage accept his awesome sight And face the enmeshed throng Which comes at him the day along.

Dew-fresh and sweet, he starts the day With eager touch and manner kind. Yet who doth know what stormy tide Most soon beset his anxious mind. For soon they come.

First, the gaily chattering few with time o'day and how d'y do. But inexorably they grow. With closing ranks the gaps are filled.

Out, out the light. Begone the momentary peace! Henceforth no rest, until the hour of quiet release.

And thus the changed and yet unchanging life Continually lopped, but instantly reborn With fresh demanding head; Now fair, now scowling; Each requiring to be fed.

Ponder, then, these multitudinous transactions Precise: exact; oft-coloured with propitious tact. Continually lopped, but instantly reborn With fresh demanding head; Now fair, now scowling; Each requiring to be fed.

Then does the homeward looking clerk give vespered pause To bid his colleagues well ere he departs. Merits he the cuts and gibes Of witty, journalistic scribbles?

JOHN AUDLEY.

NO BLOATERS IN MACAO

I notice a local magistrate has commented on gambling in Hongkong. His reported remarks to a number of men in court on such charges was that "this is not Macao".

I am sure that a life at Macao was certainly not meant to be a friendly neighbouring city but in order to avoid any possible misunderstanding, I would like to state the following:

However lavish gambling is elsewhere, Macao's casino is mainly for the delectation of the fisherfolk.

Those simple native fishermen are not used to princeling or coveting around highly

dear sir

polished floors and what better relaxation for them than to sit and play Sam lap up and down or other deviations of the Fan Tan game?

They spend for their amusement and when running short just sail out once again and bring more fish for the markets of Macao.

Over there my friends are not too keen on canned bloaters.

JOJO GUTZ

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Would the Hongkong and Yau-nai Ferry Company please tell me how it is that a Volkswagen (engine capacity 1100 cc) is classified as a large car, and a Fiat 1200 (which capacity is almost identical with that of the VW) as a small car?

I am a regular weekend user of the ferry and have noticed this apparent anomaly on at least two occasions.

Would it not be fairer for the company to alter the criteria so that genuinely small cars (say 1,000 cc and under)

dear sir

qualified for the description of "small".

Alternatively would it not be fairer to specify a category for each of the various makes of cars now on the road—a big job admittedly, but it would put an end to a lot of grumbling about arbitrary ratings applied by the ferry company.

VW.

Magistrate rules 12 men have case to answer

Mr E. S. Haydon, Kowloon Magistrate, over-ruled a defence submission that the 12 men appearing in Kowloon Court South on charges of corruption had no case to answer.

The 12 men were alleged to have collected money from hawkers in the Sung Wong Toi area of Kowloon City in July and August.

The few defendants who gave evidence this morning in their defence, all denied that they had collected money as alleged.

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The first defendant, Lau Ping, said he was collecting in connection with the Chinese festival equivalent to All Soul's Day in which the worshipper throws money into the street as part of the festivities.

An Ming, second defendant, said he was not in Kowloon City at the time the detective alleged he saw him collecting money.

He claimed he was working in a knitting factory in Tsun Wan for two weeks in July and after that, operated a gambling store in the Sung Wong Toi area.

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He claimed that while he was thus engaged counting and stocking coins the police, mistakenly believed he was collecting money from hawkers.

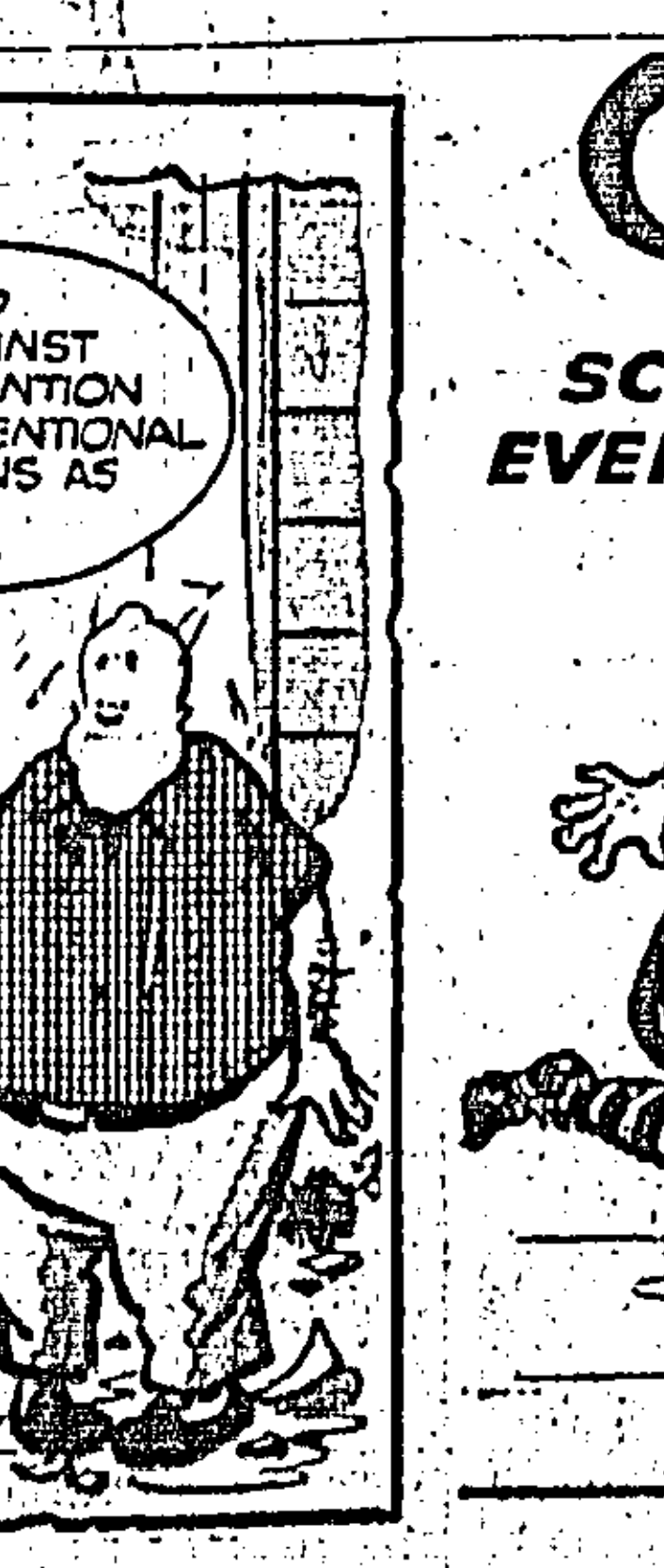
The juvenile defendant, a 16-year-old boy also denied that he was in Kowloon as alleged. He claimed he had been working in Ma On Shan mine after August 3 for about two weeks and before that he had been playing at home in Kowloon City.

The case is continuing.

The 12 defendants who came before the magistrate are: Lau Ping, 20; Wong Wai-lam, alias Wo Shung, 20; Chan Cheung, 48 and a 16-year-old juvenile, Mr. G. G. G. Supt. of Police attached to the Anti-Corruption Bureau, prosecuted.



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PLANE MISSING

Sydney, Dec. 12. The Minister of Civil Aviation, Senator S. D. Fairbridge, announced tonight that a New South Wales DC3 airliner is missing and "must be presumed to have met with disaster."

The plane was on a training flight with three pilots aboard.

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